

It's harvest season at Long Island's farms and orchards



A visit to a Long Island's east-end farmland brings with it a myriad of sweet flavors, scents and abundant variety. In addition to fresh fruit and produce, you'll find homemade jams, honey and pies at local farm stands and markets. Many produce stands also offer pick-your-own peaches, strawberries, apples, pumpkins and other local fruits. And Long Island has a variety of organic farms and produce stands.

Pumpkin picking is an annual family fall tradition. If you're looking for some of the best u-pick pumpkin farms in New York, visit Long Island. Many area farms celebrate the season with spectacular fall festivals, featuring corn-field mazes, hayrides, food, music and more. Many Long Island farms have also adopted organic practices, and visitors can find a range of options, from beets and berries to spinach and summer squash.

Harbes Family Farm

The Harbes family has been farming on Long Island for over 13 generations and over the years has evolved into a North Fork destination where families can enjoy anything from fresh-picked corn to award-winning wines. In the fall, Harbes hosts a Fall Festival every weekend, featuring pumpkin picking, apple picking, corn mazes, hayrides and more. Harbes Family Farm is a unique farm market featuring fruits and vegetables in a beautiful country setting. In addition to the farm market, Harbes also has a Wine Tasting Barn

festivals host Long Island's best corn mazes and hayrides. Harbes has three locations. (harbesfamilyfarm.com)

Garden of Eve Organic Farm and Market

Garden of Eve Farm and Market is open to the public through Oct. 31 and offers fresh vegetables along with organically grown herbs and plants. Children can visit the animals in the barnyard. Garden of Eve operates as sustainably as possible and grows an incredible diversity of plants. With 70 varieties of vegetables, 20 varieties of herbs and 30 varieties of flowers, they use no poisonous pesticides or herbicides, relying on plants' natural defense systems and ecological solutions to solve pest problems. Garden of Eve is also home to the Annual Garlic Festival in September offering several varieties of garlic and garlic infused foods and treats. (gardenofevefarm.com)

Wickham's Fruit Farm

Wickham's fruit is grown on some of the oldest, continually cultivated land in the country, much of the farm dates from 1661. It is one of the largest farms on the North Fork, approximately 300 acres, of which 200 acres are in fruit, all of which is retailed at the farm. The retail market is open usually from May through December, Monday through Saturday. Wickham's is closed on Sundays, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Private groups who book a tour in advance



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can schedule a tour of the farm to pick fruit in season; enjoy the scenic beauty of a farm on the water; observe a live working beehive; and when possible, observe our old historic cider press. Families who are members of the U-Pick Club may pick their own strawberries, raspberries, cherries, blue-

Borella's Farm Stand

Every fall, Borella's Farm Stand hosts an annual Fall Harvest Festival. Starting the first weekend in October and running through Halloween (including Columbus Day), visit the farm for a day of pumpkin picking, corn mazes, hayrides, bounce houses, face painting, music and other family friendly

berries, apples, peaches and pumpkins. (wickhamsfruitfarm.com)

events. The farm stand is filled with local produce grown on the premises, and the greenhouse is full of fall flowers and plants. Borella's Farm Stand has been growing fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables on Long Island for over 60 years. (borellasfarmstand.com)

Lavender by the Bay

Imagine being in a field of lush, colorful, fragrant lavender? Located in East Marion, Lavender by the Bay is New York's premier lavender farm and one of the largest in the United States. A family



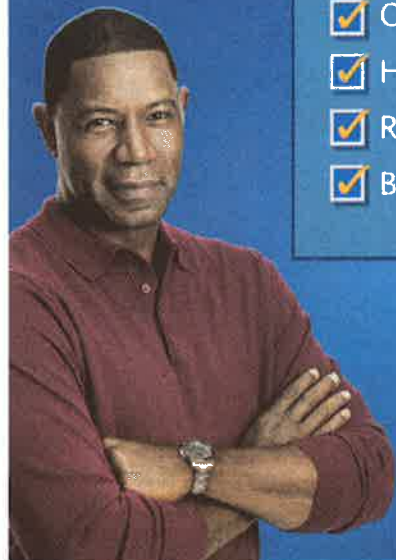
run farm, it has been growing lavender on Long Island for over 15 years. The farm is open weekends, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., from May through the end of October (please call for Monday and Friday hours), with November hours pending each year. During the blooms, there is an \$8 per person field entry fee, which can be used as a credit toward any purchase in the shop. Check ahead for bloom times. (lavenderbythebay.com)
Plan your visit at discoverlongisland.com.

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