



# CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

# THE HEART OF AGRICULTURE

Here in the Champaign-Urbana area, we're home to some of the **richest soil in the world**—supporting a thriving agricultural economy and a brilliant array of farm experiences, food destinations, and cutting-edge innovations. From traditional farming to groundbreaking AgTech, we have **something for everyone** to explore!

## HANDS-ON AG EXPERIENCES

Fresh air, fresh flavors, and endless fun for all ages.

### HARDY'S REINDEER RANCH

1356 County Rd 2900 N, Rantoul | [reindeerranch.com](http://reindeerranch.com)

Have you ever kissed a reindeer? Get up close with a friendly herd of **Alaskan reindeer**, then get lost in a sprawling corn maze for a one-of-a-kind adventure!

### PRAIRIE FRUITS FARM & CREAMERY

4410 N. Lincoln Ave., Champaign | [prairiefruits.com](http://prairiefruits.com)

Visit, hike, or do yoga with the farm's beloved goats, and be sure to sample **award-winning cheeses and gelatos** at this nationally recognized goat dairy.

### CURTIS ORCHARD & PUMPKIN PATCH

3902 S. Duncan Rd., Champaign  
[curtisorchard.com](http://curtisorchard.com)

Pick apples, find the perfect pumpkin, and enjoy **fresh cider slushies and donuts** at this family-friendly farm.

### THE GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH

1749A E County Rd 1900 N, Arthur  
[the200acres.com](http://the200acres.com)

Experience a fall wonderland with over **300 varieties of pumpkins, squash, and gourds** from over 30 countries; 5,000 mums; and various mazes, gardens, and artisanal treats in the heart of Amish Country.

### NEGANGARD PUMPKIN PATCH

1883 County Rd 700 N, Sidney

A **must-visit for fall lovers**—choose from a variety of pumpkins, squash, corn stalks, straw bales, and more at this charming, family-owned destination.

### OKAW VALLEY ORCHARD

724 CR 1750 N, Sullivan  
[okawvalleyorchard.com](http://okawvalleyorchard.com)

Located in Amish Country and run by three generations, Okaw Valley Orchard features over 1,500 fruit trees that grow 27 varieties of **apples, peaches, plums, and pears**.

### CLEARVIEW FARM

3605 N. Mattis, Champaign | [clearview-farm.com](http://clearview-farm.com)

Focused on regenerative agriculture and biodiversity, Clearview Farm is home to a unique, **Illinois-shaped pollinator garden** featuring 1,000 pollinator plants native to our state and a stunning sunflower maze.



## LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

With farmers markets happening **Tuesday through Saturday from May through October**, you can buy fresh produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, and handcrafted artisan goods—directly from producers—five days a week!

**Tuesday:** Champaign Farmers Market

**Wednesday:** Rantoul, Homer, and Sullivan Farmers Markets

**Thursday:** Monticello Farmers Market, University of Illinois Sustainable Student Farm Market

**Friday:** Mahomet Farmers Market

**Saturday:** Urbana's Market at the Square

From **November through March**, you can stock up at the Champaign-Urbana Winter Farmers Market every Saturday, too.





## FARM-FRESH FOOD & DRINK

Savor the flavors of Champaign-Urbana with gourmet meals, artisan brews, and locally grown meat and produce.

### CAPRAE AT PRAIRIE FRUITS FARM & CREAMERY

4410 N. Lincoln Ave., Champaign  
[prairiefruits.com/caprae-restaurant](http://prairiefruits.com/caprae-restaurant)

Using the freshest produce, meats, and dairy from their own fields and neighbors' farms, Caprae offers **year-round dinner, Saturday lunch, and Sunday brunch.**

### THE WHEELHOUSE

109 N. Main St., St. Joseph | [atthewheelhouse.com](http://atthewheelhouse.com)

This farm-to-fork favorite celebrates the region's freshest ingredients—**enjoy their seasonal menu** and take advantage of our local farms' bounty.



### CEDAR OAK FARMS

56 N 2100 E Rd, Paxton | [cedar-oak-farms.com](http://cedar-oak-farms.com)

A working farm, Cedar Oak Farms hosts elegant, monthly 3-4-hour dining events that blend **local flavors with storytelling** on the origins of every dish.

### RIGGS BEER COMPANY

1901 S. High Cross Rd., Urbana | [riggsbeer.com](http://riggsbeer.com)

Sip on locally crafted German-style beer made with wheat, barley, and corn **grown right on the family farm** surrounding the brewery.

### COMMON GROUND FOOD CO-OP

300 S. Broadway Ave., Ste. 166, Urbana | [commonground.coop](http://commonground.coop)

This cooperatively owned grocery store promotes **local and organic** production, with a spotlight on locally grown vegetables fruits, herbs, grains, flowers, dairy, eggs, and meat.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### AGTECH WEEK: CELEBRATING THE FUTURE OF FARMING

Annually in March | [cuagtechweek.org](http://cuagtechweek.org)

Explore how technology solutions are addressing some of the **biggest challenges facing agriculture today.** Every March, Champaign-Urbana's AgTech week celebrates our robust AgTech ecosystem, including the University of Illinois, Parkland College, corporate innovation partners, startups, state-of-the-art facilities, student organizations, local ag companies, the Illinois AgTech Accelerator, and iFAB Tech Hub.

### HISTORIC FARM DAYS

Annually in July | [historicfarmdays.com](http://historicfarmdays.com)

Located in Penfield, Illinois this **yearly event of farm festivities** includes tractor pulls, collector edition tractors, daily parades, fireworks, food, and more!

### HALF-CENTURY OF FARM PROGRESS

Biennial (odd years) | [halfcenturyofprogress.com](http://halfcenturyofprogress.com)

The Half Century of Progress Show is the **premier working vintage farm show in the U.S.** Held the weekend before the Decatur Farm Progress Show, the Half Century of Progress allows visitors to experience what farming and agriculture was like 50 years ago and beyond with live demonstrations, attractions, and fellowship.

### INTERNATIONAL AGRONOMY DAY

Annually in August | [aces.illinois.edu](http://aces.illinois.edu)

Agronomy Day is a **collaborative field day** hosted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Crop Sciences in partnership with several academic units in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES). The Agronomy Day Program is packed with a wide range of topics and speakers. Enjoy tent tours with additional field demonstrations and sponsor booths.



Start planning your agricultural adventure today!

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