

Join Us at the 2011 NASGA Summer Tour

The 2011 NASGA Summer Tour will be held out of the Boston, Massachusetts area. The tour dates will be August 16th and the 17th. Massachusetts has the highest sales of produce at the farm gate in the country so we will be sure to see some fabulous farms and markets.

The Hotel Tria www.hoteltria.com is the host hotel for the tour. It is located in the heart of Cambridge Massachusetts; providing easy access to all of Boston's main activities and points of interest. The rooms contain flat screen televisions with satellite cable channels, a mini refrigerator, wired and wireless internet, and digital climate control of your room. Complimentary breakfast is included, as well as an evening reception on the evening of August 15th. There is a Starbucks and Whole Food's Market located adjacent to the hotel. The bus will pick us up and drop off at the Hotel Tria.

Reservations can be made by calling reservations at 617.491.8000 or toll free at 866.333.TRIA.

All guests must reference the group name "**North American Strawberry Growers Association**" to receive the discounted group rate of \$139.00

Day 1 Tuesday August 16th

The first stop on the tour on August 16th will be **Marini's Farm**. This farm is located in Ipswich Massachusetts, and has been around for three generations. Marini's Farm has several greenhouses, a nursery and a farm stand. Strawberry and blueberries are only two of the many crops produced at Marini's Farm. Richardson's Dairy Products, local bakery's, Danver's Butchery Meats and a variety of specialty food items are also sold at the Marini's Farm Stand.

Cider Hill Farm is the next stop on day 1 of the tour, and it is located in Amesbury Massachusetts. Cider Hill Farm has a large diversity of home-grown produce; including strawberries, blueberries and raspberries. They also offer a selection of herbs and flower baskets. A large farm store is located on the farm, which provides an opportunity for customers to purchase produce, bakery items, honey, candy, crafts, gifts and cider.

Parlee Farms is located out of Tyngsboro Massachusetts, and contains almost 100 acres of scenic farmland along the Merrimack River. They produce pick your own strawberries, blueberries and many other types of fruit and vegetables. The farm also contains a farm stand that provides already picked fruit and vegetables, potted flowers, apple cider, bakery items and their very popular donuts!

The final stop on day 1 of the tour is at **Verrill Farm**, located in Concord Massachusetts. This farm is open daily, year round and offers many different festivals and events. It also has a farm stand which features farm-grown produce such as strawberries, and food prepared in the stand kitchen; such as soups, baked goods and award winning pies.

Day 2 Wednesday August 17th

On the second day of the tour, August 17th, the first stop will be at **Wards Berry Farm**, in

Sharon Massachusetts. Since 1982, Jim & Bob Ward have offered fresh picked fruits and veggies for sale at their roadside stand. Baked goods, breads, cheeses, jams, fruit baskets, and plans are some of the many other products that Ward's Farm has to offer. Ward's Berry Farm has pick your own strawberries, blueberries and raspberries for all customers to enjoy!

Spring Rain Farm is the second stop on day 2 of the tour, and it is located in East Taunton Massachusetts. It contains 112 acres of farm land, where you can explore cranberry bogs and pick your own strawberries.

Four Town Farm is located in Seekonk Massachusetts, growing a wide array of produce such as strawberries and blueberries. The farm offers pick your own produce, a farm stand and beautiful flower gardens.

The final stop of the 2011 NASGA Summer Tour is at **Foppema's Farm** in Northbridge Massachusetts. They offer a diverse array of fruits and vegetables, including raspberries, strawberries and blueberries. Every year they try and something new for the customers to try, such as Japanese eggplant, peach and nectarine trees.

On August 18th tour participants can choose to visit Nourse Farms in South Deerfield for an Open House. There will be tours of the producing nursery, propagation facilities, fruit fields, and more.

For more information visit the NASGA website at www.nasga.org or call Kevin Schooley at 613-258-4587