

# MID-ATLANTIC *fruit & vegetable convention*

**Lancaster and Chester Counties Pre-Convention Bus Tour**

Monday, January 27, 2025

7:45 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

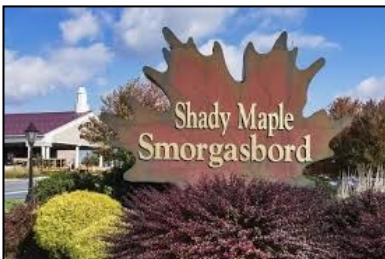
Cost is \$95 and includes lunch. Departure and return is from the Hershey Lodge Chocolate Lobby.



**September Farm – Honey Brook, PA.** The Rotelle family has been successfully farming for four generations, being named a Dairy of Distinction in 2002. September Farm Cheese was established in 2007 when the family decided to make their dream a reality, and now offers over 60 types of cheese from Cheddar to Gouda. Besides cheeses, their market features a bakery, sandwich shop, and ice cream shop. They offer retail, wholesale, and online sales. [www.septemberfarmcheese.com](http://www.septemberfarmcheese.com)



**I & J Manufacturing, LLC – Gordonville, PA.** Specializing in small equipment that can be drawn by tractors or horses, I & J equipment is sold by dealers from North Carolina to Indiana to Quebec. This family-owned company has been in business since 1984, growing steadily over time. With an interest in supporting the needs of regenerative ag farmers, I & J specializes in manufacturing sicklebar mowers, cultivators and roller-crimpers, as well as forecarts. [i-jmanufacturing.com](http://i-jmanufacturing.com)



**Lunch: Shady Maple Smorgasbord – East Earl, PA.** Shady Maples's buffet is the largest in the U.S. and features Pennsylvania Dutch food items ranging from salads to main course items to desserts. The smorgasbord won the 2024 *USA Today* Reader's Choice Award for "Best Buffet Restaurant". We'll reserve plenty of time to eat, with a little left over to browse Shady Maple's farm market and 44,000-square-foot (that's an acre!) gift shop packed with items for the home and family. [shady-maple.com](http://shady-maple.com)



**Garden Spot Farm Market – New Holland, PA.** Garden spot farm market, owned by Darryl and Dorothy Martin, is a family business best known for its fresh local produce grown on the farm's 18 acres, supplemented with products from neighboring farms, cut flowers and baked goods. Their new farm market building built in 2022 provided additional space and the ability to operate year-round. The market is currently expanding its offerings of winter produce grown in nearby high tunnels and greenhouses.



**HB Farms – New Holland, PA.** This family farm's business is focused on vegetable production under cover. With 14 high tunnels and 6 greenhouses totaling 125,000 square feet of covered growing space, this farm now grows and sells vegetables year-round. While covers are removed from many of the tunnels for the winter, greenhouse production continues on. Tomatoes are the farm's bread and butter, with other vegetable crops also sold during the winter, all mainly at auction.

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[WWW.MAFVC.ORG/REGISTRATION](http://WWW.MAFVC.ORG/REGISTRATION)

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