

You're Invited



Thursday June 6 – Monday June 10, 2024

American Farm Heritage Museum

1-70 Exit 45 to 1395 Museum Avenue, Greenville IL

Rally Hosts: Kathy and Jim Ceryes

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Many of us—maybe you?—already have a connection to farming. Jim and I do. Jim's maternal grandparents had dairy cows and farmed potatoes in the rocky soil of Duluth, Minnesota. My maternal grandparents also had a dairy farm, in Casey, Illinois. Grandpa grew fields of corn, wheat, alfalfa, and soybeans, and Grandma canned and fed the family from her vegetable garden. Both of our grandmothers raised chickens and traded the eggs for groceries at a little country store. We were town kids but we got to experience rural life in the 1950s and 1960s. Jim milked some cows, too. Kathy didn't! 😊

The “Fun on the Farm” Rally focuses on farming and rural life and culture, past to present. The American Farm Heritage Museum grounds will be our base camp, giving us an opportunity to see historical farm home objects, farm implements and machinery. We will make a game of learning a little about the history of Illinois farming and how it evolved from hands-on wooden plows to today's tech-savvy, super-sized machines.

While the small farms we remember may be disappearing, absorbed into larger farms and expanding cities, some still remain today in the hands of the family of the original owners. Some now cater to those of us who still enjoy seeing how our food is grown and who produces it--and purchasing home-grown specialty products. This Rally will visit three such Greenville IL farms:

- Rolling Lawns Farm and The Milk House
- Marcoot Jersey Creamery and Store
- Big T's Honeybee Farm

Jim and I hope to see you at the “Fun on the Farm” Rally and to hear your Farm Story!