



# DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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### **2nd Annual Delaware Agri-tourism Banquet**

The Delaware Agri-tourism Association is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Delaware Agri-tourism Banquet and membership meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 6:00pm, at the Delaware Agriculture Museum in Dover, DE. Everyone who is currently involved in an on-farm attraction business or looking to expand their farm markets is encouraged to attend. The cost of the dinner and program is \$12. Participants may pay at the door.

The evening is put together in conjunction with the Delaware Agri-tourism Association, Delaware Department of Agriculture, and the Delaware Cooperative Extension Service. The evening begins with a barbeque chicken dinner that features homemade pies for dessert. Immediately following dinner there will be speakers from two agritourism operations:

- Kathy Fields and Anita Russo from Kathy's Ponies & Carriages at Flint Hill Farm. Visit the website at [www.kathysponies.com](http://www.kathysponies.com).
- Charles and Michele Wright from Wright's Market from Mardela Springs, MD. Visit their website at [www.wrightsmarket.com](http://www.wrightsmarket.com).

All who attend are sure to learn many new ideas and strategies for successful on-farm entertainment.

Following the speakers, the Delaware Agri-tourism Association will announce the details about their upcoming events and projects:

- Spring Fling Festival
- Visit Your Farm Day
- Got Farms? T-shirts and much more!

The Delaware Cooperative Extension office will be presenting updates on the educational programs offered to assist people in building on-farm entertainment businesses, expanding and becoming more competitive with current agri-tourism operations.

"The Agri-tourism Association is working hard to provide educational and direct marketing programs to assist farmers with on-farm entertainment activities, and to promote this actively growing state-wide industry," Michael Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture. The Agri-tourism Association is in its second year of operation and is looking for members to join.

Reservations can be made by calling Amanda Brown, DDA Marketing Specialist, at 800-282-8685 (DE only) or 302-698-4523, or by email [amanda.brown@state.de.us](mailto:amanda.brown@state.de.us).

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