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“Get Up, Get Out, Visit A Farm Day” Celebrate Delaware Agriculture with our farmers on September 17.

The farm members of the Delaware Agritourism Association are opening up their farms and fields in a statewide celebration of agriculture on September 17, 2005. The Agritourism Association and the Delaware Department of Agriculture are joining together to host the first annual “Get Up, Get Out, Visit A Farm Day” on Delaware farms throughout the state. This statewide event is set to kick off the fall agritourism season, boasting corn mazes, rodeos, hayrides, and many more great activities for kids and adults.

Each member farm of the Agritourism Association will sponsor special events and discounts on Saturday, September 17. More than twenty farms will participate, stretching the agricultural experience from Hockessin to Selbyville (see attached). Find a farm near you by visiting www.defunonthefarm.org or checking out a “Get Up, Get Out, Visit A Farm Day” Guide. For a free “Get Up, Get Out, Visit A Farm Day” Guide with a complete listing of participating farms and events, contact Amanda Brown at the Delaware Department of Agriculture at amanda.brown@state.de.us or 302-698-4523.

Agriculture Secretary Michael Scuse said, “I urge everyone to visit one of Delaware’s farms. I hope that you will take advantage of these outstanding opportunities to experience Delaware’s agriculture, our rural life, and our local people. If you are looking for wholesome family entertainment, get up, get out, and visit a farm. Support our local farmers.”

The growing industry of agritourism helps local communities to reconnect with their local farmers through fun and education. Farmers have come to see agritourism as a way to supplement their farm income and educate their neighbors about the farming way of life and the importance of agriculture in their lives today. As evidence of this move toward more non-traditional farming, the Delaware Agritourism Association has doubled its number of members in just two years.

