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Bike Tour Highlights Ten Sussex County Farms and Available Products

Trenton, NJ - Supporting one of New Jersey's largest industries, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today participated in the Tour de Farm, a culinary cycling tour of ten Sussex County farms.

"The Tour de Farm is an example of agritourism at its finest," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "Today's ride is a perfect opportunity to experience the best our farms have to offer while enjoying the beautiful sights of Sussex County."

Cyclists may take one of three routes: the Extreme Tour, which is 62 miles with 4,000 feet of elevation, the Not-So-Extreme, which is 34.3 miles with 2,000 feet of elevation, or the Weekend Warrior course, which is 15 miles with 1,000 feet of elevation. During stops along the routes, farmers will provide tastings of what their farms have to offer and will have products available for purchase.

The Tour de Farm Sussex County is the second of three 2015 bicycling tours: a tour of Hunterdon County took place on August 2nd, and a tour of Warren County will be held on September 19th. More information on Tour de Farm New Jersey is available on its website at: <http://www.tourdefarmnj.com/>.

Agriculture is New Jersey's third largest industry. In 2012, the state's 9,071 farms generated sales totaling \$1.14 billion. With 715,057 acres of farmland, the Garden State produces more than 100 varieties of fruits and vegetables that are enjoyed throughout the Northeast, in Canada and globally. New Jersey is one of the top ten producers of blueberries, cranberries, peaches, tomatoes, bell peppers, cucumbers, snap beans, apples, sweet corn, spinach, and squash.

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