

# **Bradenton Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau Agricultural Guide**

Your guide to a harvest of agricultural activities and appetizing adventures.

Come enjoy a little local flavor.

Experience the area from the ground up! This is your guide to exploring, understanding and enjoying our area's rich ties to the land, the sea, and all they produce for us.

Through it you'll discover:

- Fun-filled area activities
- Teachable moments and opportunities to learn
- Events and festivals that celebrate the land
- A helpful resource for health and nutrition
- Insights into local heritage
- Opportunities to support area businesses committed to economic sustainability and ecological sensitivity

So come walk the fields with a farmer, sample locally grown produce at a lively outdoor market, learn about livestock from a rancher, meet a boat captain at a historic fishing village, and much, much more.

# Agriculture & Aquaculture Tours

From farms to fishing, it's your chance to get to see, touch and experience Florida in a whole new way.

## **A.P. Bell Fish Company**

4600 124th St. W., Cortez | 941-794-1249

Discover and tour a true, working fish house in a true, working commercial fishing village.

## **Bearadise Ranch**

6908 245th St. E., Myakka City | 941-322-2462 | [BearadiseRanch.com](http://BearadiseRanch.com)

A unique attraction in a natural Florida setting. Bearadise Ranch is home to the famous Welde family bears.

## **Bunker Hill Vineyard & Winery**

8905 Bunker Hill Rd., Duette | 941-776-0418 | [BunkerHillVineyard.com](http://BunkerHillVineyard.com)

Bradenton natives Lenora and Larry Woodham opened Bunker Hill Vineyard and Winery in 2010 to rave reviews. Tour the vineyards and discover the many varieties of local, Florida wines.

## **Cortez Historic Fishing Village**

Cortez Rd. & Intracoastal Bridge, Cortez | 941-254-4972 | [Cortez-Fish.org](http://Cortez-Fish.org)

Take a stroll through the historic fishing village of Cortez and visit the old fish houses.

## **Dakin Dairy Farms**

30771 Betts Rd., Myakka City | 941-322-2802 | [DakinDairyFarms.com](http://DakinDairyFarms.com)

October to the first Saturday in June is Farm Fun season at Dakin Dairy, a 1,000-acre sustainable family farm that produces and bottles fresh milk. Guided tours, hayrides, country picnics, five-acre Farm Fun play area, taste testings, seasonal events, and more.

## **Fiorelli Winery**

4250 C.R. 675 E., Bradenton | 941-322-0976 | [FiorelliWinery.com](http://FiorelliWinery.com)

Get an up-close look at wine making at this family owned and operated winery located just south of Lake Manatee in the rolling hills of eastern Manatee County.

### **Florida Maritime Museum at Cortez**

4415 119th St. W., Cortez | 941-708-6120 | [FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org](http://FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org)

Located in the historic fishing village of Cortez with a wooden boat-building shop and 100-acre nature preserve.

### **Hermann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions**

32755 Singletary Rd., Myakka City | 941-322-1501 | [HLipizzans.com](http://HLipizzans.com)

A must-see. The world-famous dancing horses perform at Ottomar Herrmann training grounds.

### **Hunsader Farms**

5500 C.R. 675, Bradenton | 941-322-2168 | [HunsaderFarms.com](http://HunsaderFarms.com)

Established in 1967, Hunsader Farms now features a petting zoo, farm market and antique store.

### **Manatee County Agricultural Museum**

1015 6th St. W., Palmetto | 941-721-2034 | [ManateeCountyAgMuseum.com](http://ManateeCountyAgMuseum.com)

Discover the area's rich, local agricultural heritage throughout the years. Fascinating displays, artifacts and events.

### **Manatee County Extension Service**

1303 17th Street W., Palmetto | 941-722-4524 | [sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/manatee](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/manatee)

A partnership involving the USDA, University of Florida and Manatee County to provide educational opportunities, and economic enhancement and development.

### **Mixon Fruit Farms, Inc.**

2525 27th St. E., Bradenton | 941-748-5829 | [Mixon.com](http://Mixon.com)

A celebration of Florida's citrus industry. Come join the fun on the Orange Blossom Express tram, touring the grove with a stop at the wildlife rescue.

## **Purchasing and U-Pick**

Enjoy straight-from-the-farm freshness, and the bounty of local harvests. Great deals too!

### **Downtown Bradenton Farmers' Market for Realize Bradenton**

400 12th St. W., Bradenton | 941-681-0708 | [BradentonFarmersMarket.com](http://BradentonFarmersMarket.com)

Offering fresh food vendors, produce, plants, flowers, entertainment, prepared foods and fun for the community.

### **Ellenton Farmers' Market**

Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex

5309 29th St. E., Ellenton | 941-504-1077

[FarmersMarketOnline.com/fm/EllentonFarmersMarket.html](http://FarmersMarketOnline.com/fm/EllentonFarmersMarket.html)

Seasonal open-air market open October through May.

### **Gamble Farm Organics**

14950 Golf Course Rd., Parrish | 941-777-2090 | [GambleCreekFarms.com](http://GambleCreekFarms.com)

Our produce provides restaurants with a fresh farm to fork dining experience. We grow fresh, local, 100% certified organic produce for the local Southwest Florida community.

### **Greens On The Gro Farm**

2309 Ellenton-Gillette Road (36th Ave. E.), Palmetto | 941-725-0204

[FloridaSuncoast.locallygrown.net](http://FloridaSuncoast.locallygrown.net)

Hydroponic family farm. Farm stand is open Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm.

### **Red Barn Flea Market**

1707 1st St. E., Bradenton | 941-747-3794 | [RedBarnFleaMarket.com](http://RedBarnFleaMarket.com)

More than 600 unique shops and flea market-style booths, and a great opportunity to source local foods and fresh produce.

## **Farms, Co-Op and Seafood**

What could be better than buying directly from the source? Join others for great discounts and wholesome, healthful choices.

### **Brown's Grove Farm Market**

12255 US Hwy. 301 N., Parrish | 941-776-2710 | [BrownsGrove.com](http://BrownsGrove.com)

Fresh local citrus, produce and more.

### **Dakin Dairy Farms**

30771 Betts Rd., Myakka City | 941-322-2802 | [DakinDairyFarms.com](http://DakinDairyFarms.com)

Discover this 350-acre sustainable family farm that produces and bottles fresh milk. Enjoy a guided tour, hayrides, country picnics featuring "It's All About the Cheese" menu, and a five-acre Farm Fun play area.

### **The Dam Ranch**

1356 Dam Rd, Bradenton | 941-685-2516 | [TheDamRanch.net](http://TheDamRanch.net)

Local food co-op offering beef, pork, poultry and more, raised the old-fashioned way.

### **The Earthbox Research Center/Whisenant Farms**

1023 Ellenton Gillette Rd., Ellenton 941-723-2911 | [EarthboxStore.com](http://EarthboxStore.com)

Free classes offered twice a week introduce visitors to a revolutionary new way of gardening.

### **Eden Farm**

11608 Upper Manatee River Road, Bradenton | 941-405-5207

Offers "u-pick" strawberries in hydroponic drip-irrigated fields, plus other types of vegetables and fruits.

### **Gamble Farm Organics**

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In addition to three acres of certified organic produce, the farm grows hydroponic vegetables available in the CSA (community supported agriculture) operation and farm stand.

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**Island Fresh Market**

5604 Marina Dr., Holmes Beach | 941-567-6130 | [TheFishMarketAMI.com](http://TheFishMarketAMI.com)

Owned and operated by local native Nancy Feely, this market serves fresh, sustainable products and foods in a fun, welcoming environment.

**Jersey Acres Farm (raw milk)**

13339 M&J Road, Myakka City | [FloridaRawMilk.com](http://FloridaRawMilk.com)

This sustainable Florida raw milk dairy uses food production methods that don't harm the environment, are genuinely healthy, and are humane to animals.

**Jones Potato Farm**

13400 Dickey Rd., Parrish | 941-776-8215 | [JonesPotatoFarm.com](http://JonesPotatoFarm.com)

Family-owned business that takes great pride in supplying high quality produce.

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Fresh Florida citrus. Plus fun on the Orange Blossom Express tram, touring the grove with a stop at the wildlife rescue.

**Star Fish Company Market & Restaurant**

12306 46th Ave. W., Cortez | 941-794-1243 | [StarfishCompany.com](http://StarfishCompany.com)

Star Fish Company strives to serve simple Florida seafood prepared in the simplest of ways. Located in the working fishing village of Cortez.

## Restaurants that Cook Your Catch

You caught it. Now enjoy it! Bring it in to these establishments and live life like a local. We call it, "customer catch."

### Beach House

200 Gulf Dr. N., Bradenton Beach | 941-779-2222 | [IslandDining.com](http://IslandDining.com)

Stop in for lunch or dinner, and watch the dolphins frolic while you enjoy fresh seafood. American, Caribbean, Seafood, Steak / lunch, dinner.

### The Clam House

304 7th St W., Palmetto | 941-721-8774 | [TheClamHouse.com](http://TheClamHouse.com)

Casual family owned eatery serving locally sourced fish, clams and sushi, plus wine and craft brews.

### Dry Dock Waterfront Grill

412 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key | 941-383-0102 | [DryDockWaterfrontGrill.com](http://DryDockWaterfrontGrill.com)

Features casual indoor and outdoor dining overlooking Sarasota Bay. American, Seafood / lunch, dinner.

### Harry's Continental Kitchens

525 St. Jude's Drive, Longboat Key | 941-383-0777 | [HarrysKitchen.com](http://HarrysKitchen.com)

Local treasure for 30 years serving classically inspired cuisine. Continental, Seafood, Steak / breakfast, lunch, dinner.

### Mar Vista Dockside Restaurant

760 Broadway St., Longboat Key | 941-383-2391 | [IslandDining.com](http://IslandDining.com)

A taste of Old Florida. Dine inside the quaint dining room or on the outside deck overlooking serene Sarasota Bay. American, Caribbean, Seafood, Steak / lunch, dinner.

### Pier 22

1200 First Ave. W., Bradenton | 941-748-8087 | [Pier22Dining.com](http://Pier22Dining.com)

In downtown Bradenton, boasts alfresco dining on the Manatee River, a sushi bar and nightly specials. American, International, Pizza, Seafood, Steak / breakfast, lunch, dinner.

**Sandbar Restaurant**

100 Spring Ave., Anna Maria | 941-778-0444 | [IslandDining.com](http://IslandDining.com)

A favorite for locals and out-of-town guests at the north end of the island.  
American, Caribbean, Seafood, Steak / lunch, dinner.



## Restaurants & Bars that Source Locally

Ensuring genuine freshness and supporting the local community.

### Anna Maria Oyster Bar

6696 Cortez Rd. W., Bradenton | 941-792-0077

6906 14th St. W., Bradenton | 941-758-7880

1525 51st Ave. E., Ellenton | 941-721-7773

200 Bridge Street, Bradenton Beach | 941-721-2662

[OysterBar.net](http://OysterBar.net)

One of the area's top seafood restaurants, featuring family dining and reasonable prices. American, Seafood / lunch, dinner.

### Another Broken Egg

6115 Exchange Way, Lakewood Ranch | 941-388-6898 | [AnotherBrokenEgg.com](http://AnotherBrokenEgg.com)

For a unique dining experience, have breakfast or lunch where the locals and celebrities eat. American, Breakfast / breakfast, brunch, lunch, Sunday brunch.

### Beach Bistro

6600 Gulf Dr., Holmes Beach | 941-778-6444 | [BeachBistro.com](http://BeachBistro.com)

Boasts the highest Zagat rating for food and service in the state. Continental, International, Seafood, Steak / dinner.

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### Central Café

906 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton | 941-757-0050 | [CentralCafe941.com](http://CentralCafe941.com)

Chef driven, vibrant, restaurant in the heart of downtown Bradenton.

### Cortez Kitchen

4528 119th St. W., Cortez | 941-798-9404 | [TheCortezKitchen.com](http://TheCortezKitchen.com)

Located in historic Cortez Village, this hidden treasure is a local waterfront favorite. Seafood / lunch, dinner.

### **Dry Dock Waterfront Grill**

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Features casual indoor and outdoor dining overlooking Sarasota Bay. American, Seafood / lunch, dinner.

### **Eliza Ann's Coastal Kitchen**

5325 Marina Dr., Holmes Beach | 941-238-6264  
[waterlinereresort.com/dining/eliza-anns-coastal-kitchen](http://waterlinereresort.com/dining/eliza-anns-coastal-kitchen)

Steps from the water's edge, Eliza Ann's Coastal Kitchen features casual food that is far from common.

### **Euphemia Haye Restaurant and Haye Loft**

5540 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key | 941-383-3633 | [EuphemiaHaye.com](http://EuphemiaHaye.com)

Award-winning global and American food in a tasteful, upscale setting. American, Continental, International, Italian, Middle Eastern, Pizza, Seafood, Steak / dinner.

### **GROVE Restaurant, Patio and Ballroom**

10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch | 941-893-4321 | [GroveLWR.com](http://GroveLWR.com)

Enjoy a wide range of house-made meals served in several distinct dining areas for an immersive dining experience. American, Seafood / lunch, dinner.

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### **Mattison's City Grille Bradenton Riverwalk**

101 Riverfront Blvd., Bradenton | 941-896-9660  
[Mattisons.com/mattisons-city-grille-bradenton-riverwalk](http://Mattisons.com/mattisons-city-grille-bradenton-riverwalk)

Unique to its neighborhood, Mattison's City Grille supports the local community, regional farmers, and culinary suppliers. American, International, Seafood, Steak / brunch, lunch, dinner.

### **Motorworks Brewing**

1014 9th St. W., Bradenton | 941-567-6218 | [MotorworksBrewing.com](http://MotorworksBrewing.com)

Award-winning beers, wine, cocktails, great food, live music, cornhole & much more in Florida's largest Beer Garden. Enjoy a true taste of Florida with locally sourced grains and products.

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### **Swordfish Grill**

4628 119th St. W., Cortez | 941-798-2035 | [SwordfishGrillCortez.com](http://SwordfishGrillCortez.com)

Dine with us and enjoy watching the fishing boats unload their catch while sipping happy hour drink specials. Seafood, American / lunch, dinner.

### **Tide Tables**

12507 Cortez Rd W., Cortez | 941-798-2035 | [TideTablesCortez.com](http://TideTablesCortez.com)

Take in our breathtaking views of the Intracoastal Waterway, abundant sea and bird life, big Florida sky, and the authentic working waterfront of historic Cortez Village while you enjoy delicious local seafood and other fare.

# Culinary, Farm and Seafood Events

Enjoy events that celebrate the bounty of our local land and water.

## January

### **Manatee County Fair – Manatee County Fairgrounds**

1402 14th Ave. W., Palmetto | [ManateeCountyFair.com](http://ManateeCountyFair.com)

Exciting exhibits and vendors, livestock shows and auctions, competitions, thrill-packed midway, great entertainment and lots of fair food.

## February

### **Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival – Cortez Historic Fishing Village**

Cortez Rd. & Intracoastal Bridge, Cortez

[Cortez-Fish.org/fishing-festival](http://Cortez-Fish.org/fishing-festival)

During this two-day event, you'll see the fishing boats, gear, fish houses and commercial fishermen of the historic village of Cortez.

## March

### **Orange Blossom Festival – Mixon Fruit Farms**

2525 27th St. E., Bradenton | 941-748-5829 | [Mixon.com](http://Mixon.com)

Treat the whole family to great entertainment, delicious food and plenty of farm-fresh fun. Walk among the groves, sample fruit juice, fudge and wines, and discover the creativity of local crafters.

## June

### **Dairy Month Celebration – Dakin Dairy Farms**

30771 Betts Rd., Myakka City | 941-322-2802 | [DakinDairyFarms.com](http://DakinDairyFarms.com)

Join local dairy farmers on the 1st Saturday of June for a celebration that includes farm tours, hayrides, agri-vendors, calf scrambles, live music, delicious ribs and mac & cheese, and fun-filled slides and rides.

## July and August

For up-to-date information on local 4th of July celebrations, epicurean events, festivals and celebrations throughout the summer season, visit the online calendar at [BradentonGulfIslands.com/events](http://BradentonGulfIslands.com/events).

## October

### **Pumpkin Festival - Hunsader Farms**

5500 C.R. 675, Bradenton | 941-322-2168 | [HunsaderFarms.com](http://HunsaderFarms.com)

Pumpkins, fire-roasted sweet corn, fresh produce, hayrides, homemade ice cream, live entertainment, crafts, games, Pioneer Trades village, petting zoo and more.

## November

### **Farm City Week**

[sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/manatee](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/manatee)

This weeklong celebration of the area's rich agricultural history includes a folk festival, farm tour, beef prospect show, hall of fame luncheon, and contests for students.

### **Suncoast Food & Wine Fest – Sarasota Polo Grounds**

Lakewood Ranch

[SuncoastFoodAndWineFest.com](http://SuncoastFoodAndWineFest.com)

More than 300 wines for tasting and sale, food from more than 35 area restaurants, beer tastings, cooking demonstrations and a silent auction.

### **Mixon Fruit Farms Harvest Festival**

2525 27th St., E., Bradenton | 941-748-5829

[mixon.com/events-festivals/calendar-of-events](http://mixon.com/events-festivals/calendar-of-events)

A celebration of Florida's citrus harvest, the annual festival offers pony rides, bungee jumping, bounce houses, food, live entertainment, and of course – plenty of citrus.

*As agricultural operations, farms may have seasonal hours and days.*

*Please call for operating hours and other information before visiting.*