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

Bunker Hill Vineyard & Winery
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
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
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
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
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
Seasonal open-air market open October through May.

Gamble Farm Organics
14950 Golf Course Rd., Parrish  |  941-777-2090  |  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
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
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
Fresh local citrus, produce and more.

Dakin Dairy Farms
30771 Betts Rd., Myakka City | 941-322-2802 | 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
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
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.

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14950 Golf Course Rd., Parrish | 941-777-2090
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.
Hunsader Farms
5500 C.R. 675, Bradenton | 941-322-2168 | HunsaderFarms.com
Established in 1967, Hunsader Farms now features a petting zoo, farm market, antique store and your chance to buy direct.

Island Fresh Market
5604 Marina Dr., Holmes Beach | 941-567-6130 | 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
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
Family-owned business that takes great pride in supplying high quality produce.

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2525 27th St. E., Bradenton | 941-748-5829 | Mixon.com
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
Boasts the highest Zagat rating for food and service in the state. Continental, International, Seafood, Steak / dinner.

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200 Gulf Dr. N., Bradenton Beach | 941-779-2222 | IslandDining.com
Stop in for lunch or dinner, and watch the dolphins frolic while you enjoy fresh seafood. American, Caribbean, Seafood, Steak / lunch, dinner.

Central Café
906 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton | 941-757-0050 | CentralCafe941.com
Chef driven, vibrant, restaurant in the heart of downtown Bradenton.

Cortez Kitchen
4528 119th St. W., Cortez | 941-798-9404 | TheCortezKitchen.com
Located in historic Cortez Village, this hidden treasure is a local waterfront favorite. Seafood / lunch, dinner.
Dry Dock Waterfront Grill
412 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Longboat Key | 941-383-0102 | DryDockWaterfrontGrill.com
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
waterlineresort.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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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.
October
Pumpkin Festival - Hunsader Farms
5500 C.R. 675, Bradenton | 941-322-2168 | 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
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
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
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.