

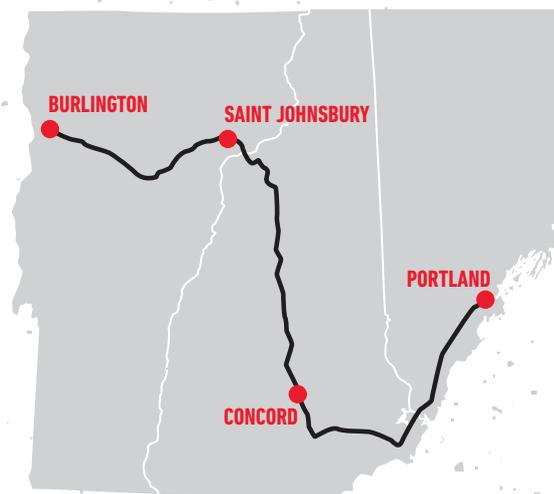
2026 YOUNG LEADER AG INDUSTRY TOUR

VERMONT • NEW HAMPSHIRE • MAINE

JULY
13-19,
2026



Northern New England agriculture is defined by diverse, smaller-scale family farms and specialty production, including maple, dairy, blueberries, potatoes, and high-value produce, along with a strong emphasis on soil health and climate resilience. This ag industry tour highlights farm management, technology, and agronomic practices across Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. All tour location are tentative based off of scheduling constraints.



DAY 1 – MONDAY, JULY 13 | BURLINGTON, VERMONT (DINNER)

Arrive in Burlington, Vermont (BTV) on individual flight arrangements and transfer to the hotel. If arrivals are clustered, group transportation may be coordinated. The evening concludes with a Welcome Dinner, providing an opportunity for delegates to connect and begin the tour together. Overnight in the Colchester for 2 nights

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, JULY 14 | BURLINGTON, VERMONT (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)

Today features a full Vermont agriculture circuit. Visits include Blue Spruce Farm (dairy and on-farm energy), Cabot Creamery in Middlebury, Green Mountain Feeds (feed mill), and Silloway Maple. The evening is at leisure with dinner on your own. Overnight in Colchester

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | BURLINGTON TO SAINT JOHNSBURY, VERMONT (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)

Begin the day at Nordic Farm – ARS Ruminant & Forage Research Farms, followed by a visit to Conant's Riverside Farms. After lunch, tour the Vermont Compost Company and Cabot Creamery (Main Plant). Travel to Saint Johnsbury for the evening and overnight for one night.

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, JULY 16 | SAINT JOHNSBURY, VT TO CONCORD, NH (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)

Cross into New Hampshire to explore diversified farm enterprises. Stops include CJEJ Farm – The Meat House, Pleasant View Gardens (flower greenhouse), and Apple Hill Farm. Check in near Concord for the evening. Dinner is on your own. Overnight for one night.

DAY 5 – FRIDAY, JULY 17 | CONCORD, NH TO PORTLAND, MAINE (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)

Travel to Maine with visits to Tibbets Family Farm (beef, sheep, and solar) and Snell Family Farm. In Portland, delegates participate in a hands-on lobster harvest experience, followed by an included waterfront lobster dinner. Overnight in the Portland area for 2 nights.

DAY 6 – SATURDAY, JULY 18 | PORTLAND, MAINE (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER)

Today highlights two signature Maine crops. Visit Bell Farms (potatoes) and Tavern Hill Farm (wild blueberries). Return to Portland in the afternoon before an included Farewell Dinner celebrating the conclusion of the tour.

DAY 7 – SUNDAY, JULY 19 | RETURN HOME (BREAKFAST)

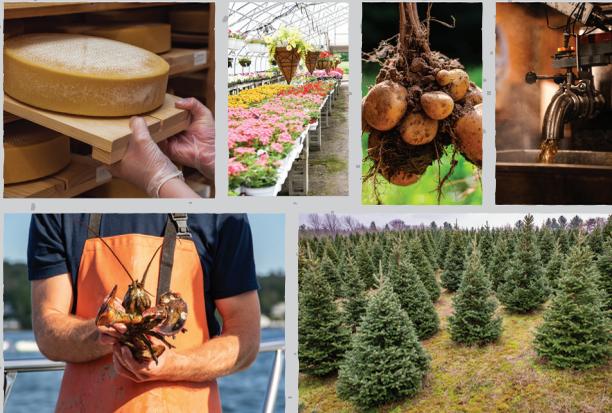
Breakfast at the hotel, followed by departure from Portland International Jetport (PWM) on individual flight arrangements.

INCLUSIONS

- Private motorcoach transportation
- 6 nights accommodations
- 14 meals (6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 3 dinners)
- Admission to attractions as stated on itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities for services included
- AgTours.US tour manager

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to and from the selected airports in itinerary
- Travel to and from airport, unless most travelers are arriving and departing from the airport around the same time (TBD at a later date)
- Meals other than those listed in itinerary
- Beverages other than non-alcoholic drinks with included meals
- Travel protection plan
- Any service not listed in the above inclusions



LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

- **2 Nights** – Hampton Inn by Hilton in Colchester, VT
- **1 Night** – Comfort Inn in Saint Johnsbury, VT
- **1 Night** – Hampton Inn by Hilton in Bow, NH
- **2 Nights** in Hampton Inn by Hilton, Portland, ME

INCLUSIONS

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOUR, YOU MUST:

- Be able to walk/stand 3-4 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to regularly maneuver stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

ELIGIBILITY

- This event is exclusive to Illinois Farm Bureau members.
- This event was designed for Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders ages 18-35. Members must be 18 years of age by July 13th, 2026 and cannot turn 36 years of age by July 19th, 2026.
- IFB membership must be active before the member can register and the membership must not expire before July 19th, 2026.
- All attendees will be subject to Young Leader Activity Policy. This must be signed before the first day of the trip.
- Members not allowed to travel by automobile for the tour and must travel in the motorcoach with the rest of the group.

COST

- **Double Occupancy:**
\$750 per person
- Attendees will have the opportunity to choose their roommate if they are randomly selected to go. If a selection has not been made, they will be randomly assigned a roommate by IFB staff.
- **Single Occupancy:**
\$1,200 per person

REGISTRATION

- The registration process will be on CVENT. Please reach out to your county Farm Bureau manager to register you for the event.
- If more than 35 people register for the event, a lottery system will be implemented. Priority will be given to Young Leaders who have not participated in Ag Industry Tour in the past and current Young Leader State Committee members. Alternates will also be chosen just in case one of the registrants can no longer attend.
- If the attendee cannot attend the tour, they must notify the Young Leader Program Coordinator via email (pharlow@iflb.org) by June 1, 2026. The tour payment will be returned if the Program Coordinator is notified by June 1, 2026. If someone cannot attend the tour after June 1, the tour payment will not be refunded. The tour payment may be returned on a case-by-case basis.
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The full cost of tour must be received by Illinois Farm Bureau net 30 days after the selection process has been announced.