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Hancock County

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For Farm and Home Horticulture

- * Farm financial planning
- * Raising crops and livestock
- * Marketing commodities
- * Organizing the farm business
- * Lawn and garden care
- * Insect and pest identification

For Home and Consumer

- * Food preservation and safety
- * Family finances
- * Understanding foods and nutrition
- * Human development
- * Membership in Extension Homemaker Clubs

For Youth

- * Leadership development opportunities and activities
- * Many fun and interesting 4-H projects in which youth learn by doing
- * Lifetime living skills
- * Community awareness and projects
- * Career Development

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Hancock County Cattleman's Association
Hancock County Antique Tractors
Hancock County Horse and Pony 4-H Club

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HANCOCK COUNTY



A free driving tour of four different farming operations in Hancock County

Sunday
September 13, 2009
Noon - 5 p.m.

Start at any farm and follow the signs

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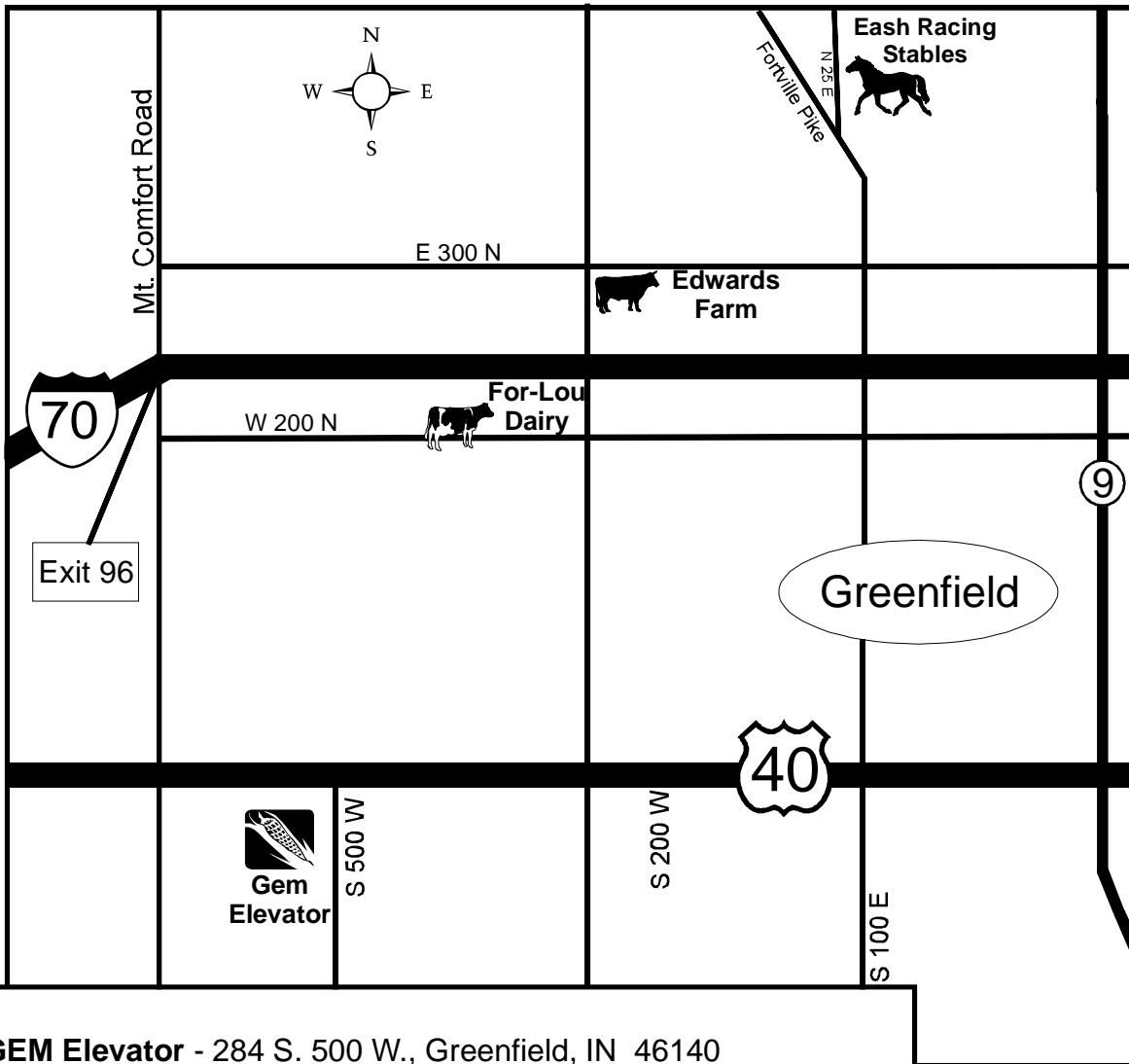
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FARM FESTIVAL 2009 - HOST FARMS

*A free driving tour of four farming operations in Hancock County.
An educational, family fun event designed to introduce you to life on working farms.
Start at any of the farms and enjoy the afternoon. Smoking and pets are not permitted.*



GEM Elevator - 284 S. 500 W., Greenfield, IN 46140

For-Lou Farm Dairy - 2190 W. 200 N., Greenfield, IN 46140

Edwards Farm - 1879 W. 300 N., Greenfield, IN 46140

Eash Racing Stables - 4219 N. 25 W., Greenfield, IN 46140

Look for the signs to direct you!

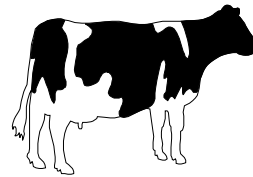
This is a non-smoking event ~ No pets allowed

Gem Elevator



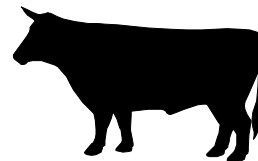
The Merlau Family have owned and operated Gem Elevator since 1985. Gem Elevator specializes in custom grinding, mixing and delivery. Over the decades, the Merlau's have earned a reputation for their exceptional custom mixes. Visitors can watch demonstrations of grain grading and feed production, and see what goes into making custom rations. While at Gem Elevator you can also enjoy a delicious pork burger and even play a round of Corn Hole!

For-Lou Dairy



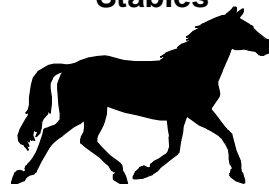
Phil and Ruthie Sparks of For-Lou Dairy breed and raise Guernsey cows. The current milking herd consists of 24 cows and 22 springers and young stock that roam on approximately 60 acres of pasture. During your visit you will see demonstrations of milking and storage, learn the difference between cow and goat milk and find out how much grain and water a cow eats each day. Young and old alike will enjoy seeing the antique dairy equipment on hand. You'll also want to make sure you indulge in a cold milk shake or hot grilled cheese sandwich while touring For-Lou Dairy.

Edwards Farm



Edwards Farm was settled in 1945 by father Robert and is now in its third generation as Gary and Patty Edwards currently run the operation. In 1972 Edwards Farm became one of the first breeders in Indiana to raise Simmental cattle. Over the decades, the Edwards have earned a reputation for exceptional breeding stock. They also harvest 1,300 acres of corn, which is partly used in the ethanol industry, and soybeans, which are harvested and processed into soybean meal, biodiesel, and cooking oil. Your tour will include cattle grooming demonstrations, antique farm equipment, and an educational walk through maize. Tempt your taste buds with a rib eye sandwich or hamburger, both available for sale.

Eash Racing Stables



Don and Rosie Eash breed and raise Standardbred pacers and trotters for harness racing. 90% of the horses trained at Eash Racing Stables are Indiana bred horses. At any given time, you can find around 100 horses on their 120 acre farm. Visitors can watch horses being trained on the one-half mile track, tour the stables, and learn all about the challenges of managing and breeding race horses. The kids will enjoy pony rides offered by the Horse and Pony 4-H Club.