

# Ohio and West Virginia Food Hub Network 2017 Summer Tours

Monday, August 7, 2017 11:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

**Witten Farm** was founded in 1958. Today, the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of Wittens farm in Lowell, Ohio and operate 20 farm markets across Ohio and West Virginia!

The Witten Family grows a variety of fruits and vegetables, including “super sweet corn”, tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, peppers and other favorites. The farm grows 90% of the vegetables sold at their markets and supplements their inventory with produce from other local growers. Greenhouse grown flowers, vegetable and herb plants are for sale in pots, flats and hanging baskets at 7 market locations.

The Food Hub Network will visit Witten Farm and Greenhouse at 11 a.m. to learn how they grow, aggregate and distribute food to 20 market locations. We will tour the property, hear from farm and market managers and enjoy lunch on the farm.

*Location:* Witten Farm and Greenhouse, 16670 State Route 60 Lowell, OH 45744



“Vegetable Growers” Witten Farm



“Chesterhill Produce Auction” Rural Action

**The Chesterhill Produce Auction** is a food hub and social enterprise operated by Rural Action that was founded in 2005 to provide local growers with a market for produce and to improve access to high-quality, fresh food.

CPA operates Mondays and Thursdays from May through October hosting an average of 20 sellers each auction day.

Buyers include restaurants and institutions sourcing locally grown produce, and individuals buying bulk produce for home use.

The Food Hub Network will visit Chesterhill Produce Auction to learn practical lessons from a unique aggregation point in the local food system. Join us at 2:30 p.m. for a tour, talk with vendors and stay to see the auction in action at 4 p.m.

*Location:* Chesterhill Produce Auction, 8380 Wagoner Rd, Chesterhill, OH 43728

**Register at:** <http://go.osu.edu/FoodHubNetworkSummerTours2017>

**Fee: \$20 per person. Deadline to register: August 2, 2017.**