ERIE GROWN NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November is a great time to continue supporting Erie County farms and local agricultural businesses. While the growing season is winding down, local producers still have plenty to offer, from apples and winter squash to potatoes, root vegetables, meats, eggs, maple products, Christmas trees, and other locally produced goods.

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What's in Season?

November marks the transition from the fall harvest season into winter, but there are still plenty of locally grown foods available throughout Erie County. Look for apples, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, beets, Brussels sprouts, kale, leeks, onions, parsnips, winter squash, and other cool-weather crops.

Residents can find seasonal produce, meat, eggs, and other locally produced goods across the County. To locate nearby growers, visit Erie Grown and search by type of produce to find local farms and markets.

The following fruits and vegetables are typically in season in Erie County during November:

- Apples
- Beans, Dry
- Beans, Lima
- Beans, Snap
- Beet Greens
- Beets
- Broccoli
- Brussels Sprouts
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Christmas Trees
- Collard Greens
- Corn
- Cucumbers
- Eggplants
- Eggs
- Honey
- Kale
- Mushrooms
- Mustard Greens
- Onions
- Parsnips
- Peas
- Turnips

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Seasonal Produce Highlight

Winter squash is a November staple and a versatile addition to the Thanksgiving table. Varieties such as butternut, acorn, delicata, and spaghetti squash can be roasted, stuffed, added to soups, or used in casseroles.

Unlike summer squash, winter squash have a hard outer skin and can be stored for an extended period, making them an excellent late-season crop. Look for locally grown squash at farms and farmers markets throughout Erie County.





FIND WINTER SQUASH

Get Your Thanksgiving Turkey Local!

Planning your Thanksgiving menu? Consider putting a locally raised turkey at the center of your table this year!

Erie County is home to farms that raise turkeys for the holiday season. Buying directly from a local farm supports Erie County farmers and keeps more of your food dollars in our local agricultural economy.

If you're planning to purchase a local turkey, don't wait until Thanksgiving week. Many farms require advance orders, and quantities may be limited. Contact the farm directly to find out what sizes and types of turkeys are available, whether reservations are required, and when birds will be available for pickup.

Visit Erie Grown to find local farms offering turkeys and other locally produced foods for your Thanksgiving table.

Looking for more local Thanksgiving ingredients? Erie County farms and markets can also help you find potatoes, squash, onions, apples, eggs, maple products, and other locally grown and produced foods.

Christmas Trees Farm in Erie County Map

Consider visiting an Erie County Christmas tree farm this holiday season and choosing a locally grown tree! Many farms offer choose-and-cut or pre-cut trees, wreaths, and other holiday greenery. Check hours and availability, as some open in late November and others in early December. Visit Erie Grown to find Christmas tree farms and check out the map below.



Erie Grown Passport Reminder



With your online Passport or printed passport (email agriculture@erie.gov to receive a PDF), each time that you visit a farm, farm-related business, or agricultural festival listed on Erie Grown, simply write the date you visited.

There's still time to earn Erie Grown Passport points this year. Don't forget to log your visits purchasing hearty root vegetables for Thanksgiving for a chance to win a prize.

In January 2027, three participants who submit their Passports will win prizes!

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Looking Ahead: December

As the holiday season approaches, there are plenty of opportunities to support Erie County agriculture. Whether you're purchasing a Christmas tree, preparing a holiday meal, or looking for locally produced gifts, consider making local agriculture part of your holiday traditions.

Stay tuned for next month's Erie Grown newsletter for more seasonal information, local agricultural resources, and ways to support Erie County farms.

Submit an event by emailing agriculture@erie.gov.

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