

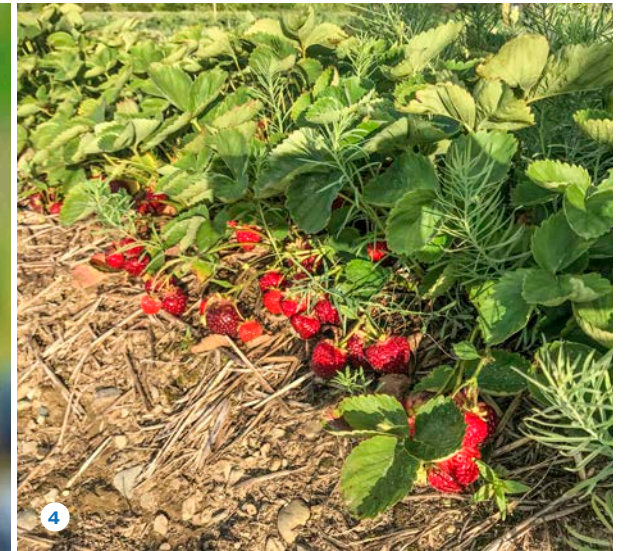


ROAD TRIP

# BERRY-PICKING BONANZA

Summer tastes sweetest when berries ripen in the country! Five field editors share their favorite U-pick farms for fresh fruit. Get ready to fill up your pail with a bounty of deliciousness.

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## AGAPE HOUSE BERRY FARM Mustang, Oklahoma [agapehouseberryfarm.com](http://agapehouseberryfarm.com)

Brandy Glover enjoyed a fun time at Agape House with her son, Theodore. “We got a bucket and explored the strawberry patch. You can also pick blackberries here. The vines are thornless and mounted up on a trellis for easy access,” Brandy says. “It’s an adventure for kids and adults, with the added treat of feasting on your berries at a picnic table in the open-air barn.” John and Pati Colston started Agape House in 2016 with 1 acre and quickly fell in love with farming. They hope to harvest blueberries next summer.

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## TENTH STREET ORCHARD Sterling, Kansas [tenthstreetorchard.com](http://tenthstreetorchard.com)

Jonathan and Melissa Conard planted 2,000 strawberries in 2015 and started a U-pick farm two years later. They aim to bring families together for strawberries and blackberries fresh off the vine. They also hope to boost their small town with agritourism. Jonathan, a biology professor, utilizes his botany background to grow exceptional fruit. And the Conards’ two daughters, Katie and Jenna, help on the farm, too, Jennifer Broadstreet Hess says. “Their produce is very good, and I like supporting a local business.”

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## MOSELEY ROADSIDE MARKET Warrens, Wisconsin [moseleymarket.weebly.com](http://moseleymarket.weebly.com)

The Moseley family has sold their homegrown fruits and vegetables, as well as locally produced honey and maple syrup, since 1960, says Lorry Erickson. “The blueberry patch opens around July 1. Last year, they served blueberry pancakes on Saturdays to anyone who picked berries at their farm. That was enough to encourage my husband to help me pick a pailful two Saturdays in a row.” Keep an eye out for grandma Aleda Moseley, her daughter, Sara, and her granddaughter, Rebecca, making the pancakes.

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## GOUGHAN'S BERRY FARM Caribou, Maine [goughanfarms.com](http://goughanfarms.com)

This family-owned farm is worth a visit in every season. “They have tasty homemade ice cream, plus U-pick strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and pumpkins,” says Melissa Dyer. “There’s also a mini golf course, a corn maze in the autumn, and tons of produce and other products for sale, like honey and veggies.” During Christmas season, pick out the perfect tree or a wreath of greenery grown on the farm’s 250-acre woodland.

GOUGHAN'S BERRY FARM: KATIE SHANNON

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## HESS FARMS Waynesboro, Pennsylvania 717-765-4016

Nothing tastes better than fresh-picked berries! Anne Forney Duvall says her family loves to visit Hess Farms for fruit every summer. “In fact, I have been going there since I was a teenager. The farm has black raspberries, blueberries and cherries that you can pick. After indulging in some of the berries on-site, we take plenty along with us to turn into homemade black raspberry ice cream or blueberry cobbler.”

### U-PICK ETIQUETTE

Prepare for your visit to the farm to ensure a successful harvest.

- CALL AHEAD TO VERIFY AVAILABILITY AND HOURS
- DRESS FOR THE WEATHER
- PICK ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS ON THE FARM
- PAY FOR WHAT YOU PICK
- STAY ON THE PATHWAYS TO PROTECT PLANTS
- DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK QUESTIONS AND LEARN ABOUT BERRY FARMING

Check out [localharvest.org](http://localharvest.org) to find a U-pick orchard or farmers market near you.