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► *Summer meeting presentation on June 9th—*

TOUR THE SCHINDLER FAMILY FARM

How many generations removed are you from the agricultural experience? Find out at the Land Conservancy's outdoor Summer Meeting held Thurs., June 9, from 7 - 9 PM at the Schindler family's **Eagle View Stables and Family Farm** in Colerain Township. Children are welcome.

The evening will begin at 7 PM in the picnic shelter at the front of the property. We'll bring you up to date on the work of the Land Conservancy, then get down to earth with our special program.

See and hear and learn

Don't know much about farming? We'll be briefed by an Ohio Farm Bureau official about how important agriculture in Hamilton County is to our daily lives.

Highlight of the meeting will be a guided tour of his farm by our host, owner Lou Schindler, who is president of the Hamilton

County Farm Bureau. He raises cows, sheep, llamas, goats, pigs, rabbits, chickens and other poultry — and boards horses — on 40 hilly acres of pasture, woods and ponds.



Well known for walking tours of his one-of-a-kind farming operation, Lou believes that the farm is a great place to experience life, and has a lot to teach us.

Farm's lessons

Over the years, Lou has shared lessons learned on the farm with thousands of children, parents, and grandparents.

We'll accompany him on his rounds, as he shows us the farm animals up close — and explains where our "food and fiber" really come from.

Also included on the tour are the historic stone buildings on the property. One is from the 1700s! And, we'll learn how farmers are good stewards of the land that provides their livelihood.

► **DATE:** *Thurs., June 9, 2005*

► **TIME:** *7-9 PM*

► **PLACE:** *6771 Blue Rock Rd.*

Take I-275 to Blue Rock Rd. Exit #31 in Colerain Township. Go 2 miles N on Blue Rock to Eagle View Stables and Family Farm, located between Lockwood Hill and Flick Rd. Parking on the property.



Lou Schindler shows chickens (and eggs fresh from the nest) to visiting schoolchildren during a recent tour.

Two generations of Schindlers live on the property, purchased in 1976 by Lou's parents, who raised Clydesdales during the early years. For almost 20 years now, the Schindler farm has been home to Lou and his wife, Lori, who envision it as a place for their four children to learn about life through hard work and responsibilities.

—SALUTING HAMILTON COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE—

We invite you to join us on June 9 at this historic Colerain Township farm to learn about Hamilton County's rich agricultural heritage.

Fifty years ago, almost half of Hamilton County's land was still being farmed. Each succeeding year, more agricultural lands have been lost to development.

Today, a little more than one-tenth of our county's land mass — about 35,000 acres, mostly in western Hamilton County — is in active use for crops and livestock, nurseries, greenhouses, forestry and timber.

Still, agriculture in Hamilton County is an industry of great value, a vital economic engine for our local economy.

Agriculture contributes \$8.6 billion annually in output and employs over 89,000 people in Hamilton County.

Our "Green Industry" — which includes nursery and horticultural services and products — is the third largest in production agriculture out of 88 Ohio counties.

Farming is a way of life for those who choose to earn their living from the land. Its future is important to all who value the many benefits agriculture brings to Hamilton County, including having access to locally-grown foods.

By sustaining agricultural uses, we also preserve Hamilton County's irreplaceable land heritage, and safeguard our life-sustaining natural resources.



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The Land Conservancy of Hamilton County, Ohio is a member-supported, nonprofit land trust that helps families preserve their lands with the Conservation Easement, and works to protect our County's natural heritage to benefit the quality of life of all citizens.