



ERIE GROWN



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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What's in Season?

October brings the heart of the fall harvest season to Erie County. Look for fresh, locally grown apples, pumpkins, winter squash, potatoes, cabbage, leeks, and other cool weather crops at area farm stands and markets. It's a great time to enjoy the abundance of the season and stock up on local fall favorites before the growing season winds down.

Residents can find seasonal produce at farm stands, farmers markets, and u-pick farms 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 October:

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| • Apples | • Cucumbers | • Peppers |
| • Beans, Dry | • Eggplant | • Potatoes |
| • Beans, Green | • Eggs | • Prunes |
| • Beans, Lima | • Grapes | • Pumpkins |
| • Beans, Snap | • Herbs | • Raspberries |
| • Beet Greens | • Honey | • Spinach |
| • Beets | • Kale | • Squash, Summer |
| • Broccoli | • Leeks | • Squash, Winter |
| • Brussels Sprouts | • Lettuce | • Swiss Chard |
| • Cabbage | • Mushrooms | • Tomatoes |
| • Carrots | • Mustard Greens | • Watermelon |
| • Cauliflower | • Onions | • Zucchini |
| • Celery | • Parsnips | |
| • Collard Greens | • Pears | |
| • Corn | • Peas | |

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Seasonal Produce Highlight

Winter squash and pumpkins peak in the fall across Erie County, making it a great time to enjoy them locally. Both are members of the gourd family and are good sources of fiber, vitamin A, vitamin C, and potassium, which can support digestion and the immune system.

When selecting them, look for a firm, hard rind and choose ones that feel heavy for their size. Store unwashed in a cool, dry place and rinse before preparing.

FIND LOCAL SQUASH AND PUMPKINS



Maple Roasted Brussels Sprouts

Ingredients

- 1 ½ pounds Brussels sprouts
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¾ teaspoon sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ cup toasted hazelnuts, coarsely chopped (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
2. To prepare the Brussels sprouts, remove any yellow or brown outer leaves, cut off the stems and cut in half.
3. In a large bowl, toss the Brussels sprouts, olive oil, salt and pepper together. Spread them into a 9-by-13-inch (or larger) baking dish or sheet tray to roast.
4. After 15 minutes, stir the Brussels sprouts with a spatula or large spoon to even out the browning. After 30 minutes, stir in the maple syrup.
5. Continue to roast the Brussels sprouts for about 15 more minutes, or until they are fork tender (about 45 minutes total roasting time).
6. If using hazelnuts, toss the roasted Brussels sprouts with the hazelnuts.

Recipe adapted from New York Times Cooking.

Fall Fun in Erie County Map



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FALL FUN IN ERIE COUNTY

FALL AGRITOURISM SITES
HAYRIDES, PUMPKIN PATCHES, AND MORE!

- 1. Akron Acres**
Corn maze, pumpkin picking, and barn animals.
- 2. Badding Bros Farm and Garden Center**
Halloween Scarecrow Village and indoor straw maze.
- 3. Bippert's Farm Market**
Harvest Happening with corn maze, hayrides, and petting zoo.
- 4. Greg's U-Pick Farm**
Fall on the Farm with hayrides, corn maze, and barnyard fun.
- 5. Kelkenberg Farm**
Fall on the Farm with hayrides, farm animals, and pumpkins.
- 6. MaeLen Farms**
Paws & Pumpkins with corn maze and adoptable dogs from the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter.
- 7. Meyer's Homegrown**
Cormazing Fall Fest with corn maze, petting zoo, and pumpkins.
- 8. The Great Pumpkin Farm**
Pumpkins, family activities, fall attractions.
- 9. W&J Awald Farms**
Pumpkins, corn maze, hayrides, and petting zoo.
- 10. Wendel's Poultry Farm**
Hayrides with Wanda the Witch, pumpkins, and fall treats.

Other local farms and farmers markets selling apples, ciders, pumpkins, or winter squash. Visit erie.gov/eriegrown for more details.

Please confirm locations are open before visiting
Email agriculture@erie.gov with updates to this map
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Scan QR code to find seasonal produce on erie.gov/eriegrown

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 fall season. Don't forget to log your visits to u-pick apple farms or to a local cider mill for a chance to win a prize.

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



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October Events

Fall fun is happening all across Erie County! Local farms are celebrating the harvest season with pumpkin picking, corn mazes, hayrides, and much more. If you're looking for somewhere to spend a fall afternoon, check out our Fall Fun Map (on page 3) or read below for event highlights.

-  **Akron Acres** has fall festivities every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in October from 10am-5pm. Festivities include pumpkin picking, hayrides, farm animals, pony rides, and a corn maze. Bring your dog to pick out a pumpkin on the last full weekend of October. Ticket prices vary based on activity, check website.
-  Bippert's Farm Market hosts the **Harvest Happening** every Saturday and Sunday from 10am-5pm through October 31. The Happening includes a corn maze, hayride, petting zoo, kids activities, and more. There is a \$14 entry fee, kids six and under are free.
-  Greg's U-Pick Farm hosts **Fall on the Farm** on weekends through November 1, featuring hayrides, a corn maze, barnyard activities, and more. Admission starts at \$12.
-  Kelkenberg Farm hosts **Fall on the Farm** Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am-2pm and Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10am-5pm. Admission includes a pumpkin from the patch, hayride, farm animals, pony rides for children, a corn pit, bounce pad, giant sandbox, mountain slides, and more.
-  The **Great Pumpkin Farm** is open through October 31, daily from 10am-7pm (closing at 5pm on Halloween). Visitors can pick pumpkins, enjoy fall attractions and activities, seasonal food and treats, family activities, photo opportunities, and more. Weekdays are free, while weekend admission is required.
-  The **Halloween Scarecrow Village** at Badding Farm Market & Garden Center is open Monday-Saturday from 9am-5pm and Sunday 9am-4pm through October 25. The Village has indoor and outdoor play areas for kids, including a straw maze. Cider donuts and pumpkins are also available. Entry is free.
-  Meyer's Homegrown's **Cornmazing Fall Fest** is held Saturdays and Sundays from 11am-6pm through October 25. The Fest includes a corn maze, petting zoo, yard games, photo opps, hayrides, and a pumpkin patch. There is a \$5 entry fee.
-  **Paws & Pumpkins** is a family-friendly two-day event held on October 3 and 4 from 10am-1pm at MaeLen Farms Roadside Market at 11121 Jamison Road. The event includes food trucks, vendors, a corn maze, hayrides, basket raffles, pumpkins and gourds for sale, and adoptable dogs from the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter. Entry is free, \$5 to park, activity costs vary.
-  **Wendel's Poultry Farm** fall fun event's include hayrides with Wanda the Witch, pumpkin picking, and fall treats.
-  **W&J Awald Farms** is open through October 31, daily from 10am-7pm. Visitors can enjoy u-pick pumpkins, a 5-acre corn maze, hayrides, a corn cannon, petting zoo and farm animals, fall treats, a farm store, and more.

Looking Ahead: November

The holiday season is just around the corner, and Erie County farms and producers have plenty to offer. November is a great time to support local agriculture.

Looking to shop local this season? Check out Erie Grown to find farms, markets, local products and seasonal activities throughout Erie County. Stay tuned for next month's newsletter, where we'll highlight even more ways to support local farms during the holiday season.

Submit an event by emailing agriculture@erie.gov.

Past Editions



ERIE GROWN JULY NEWSLETTER

Inside this e-newsletter, you will find:

- What's in Season?
- Seasonal Produce Highlight
- U-Pick Farms
- 2026 Farmers Markets and Mobile Markets in Erie County
- Erie Grown Passport Reminder
- Current and Upcoming Events

What's in Season?

This is the time of year when fresh fruits and vegetables are widely available from Erie County farms. In the coming weeks, strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries are all in season, offering a short window when they can be found fresh and locally grown at the same time. As the season progresses, corn will soon be "knee-high by the Fourth of July," with peak sweet corn availability arriving in August.

Residents can find seasonal produce at farm stands, farmers markets, and u-pick farms 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 July:

• Apples	• Carrots	• Peas	• Strawberries
• Beet Greens	• Calfart Greens	• Peppers	• Summer Squash
• Beets	• Garlic	• Plums	• Sweet Cherries
• Blueberries	• Green Beans	• Potatoes	• Swiss Chard
• Broccoli	• Lettuce	• Radishes	• Tart Cherries
• Brussels Sprouts	• Mustard Greens	• Raspberries	• Tomatoes
• Cabbage	• Onions	• Snap Beans	• Turnip Greens
• Cantaloupe	• Peaches	• Spinach	• Zucchini

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ERIE GROWN AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Inside this e-newsletter, you will find:

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Notes on Food Safety

Buy Local: Know Your Food.

With a recent multistate outbreak of cyclosporiasis linked to fresh produce, more people are asking, where is my food coming from? One way to feel more confident about what's on your plate is to buy local.

Choosing fruits and vegetables grown in Erie County means a direct connection to the farmers who grow your food. While no single source has been linked to current cyclosporiasis cases, past outbreaks have often been linked to produce like herbs, berries, and bagged salad mixes.

The New York State Department of Health recommends thoroughly washing all fresh produce under running water before eating, cutting or cooking to help reduce the risk of foodborne illness like cyclosporiasis. Continue reading to find out what's in season and where to buy local produce.

What's in Season?

FOUR STEPS TO FOOD SAFETY

CLEAN WASH SANITIZE COOK CHILL



ERIE GROWN SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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What's in Season?

This is the time of year when fresh fruits and vegetables are widely available from Erie County farms. In the coming weeks, look for fresh, locally grown leeks, pumpkins, and winter squash as fall harvests begin to fill farm stands and markets. It's also a great time to enjoy the last of the late-summer fruits and vegetables before the season transitions to fall favorites.

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

• Apples	• Green Beans	• Pumpkins
• Beet Greens	• Grapes	• Radishes
• Beets	• Kale	• Raspberries
• Blackberries	• Leeks	• Snap Beans
• Blueberries	• Lettuce	• Spinach
• Broccoli	• Lima Beans	• Squash
• Brussels Sprouts	• Mustard Greens	• Strawberries
• Cabbage	• Onions	• Summer Squash
• Carrots	• Peaches	• Swiss Chard
• Cauliflower	• Peas	• Tomatoes
• Celery	• Peppers	• Turnip Greens
• Coddard Greens	• Pumpkins	• Winter Squash
• Corn		

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