



State Tour

June 28, 2019
(Friday)

 **Extension**
University of Missouri

This is an opportunity to learn about vegetable production and marketing. Each stop will be unique, showing features and techniques that participants can gain ideas from to modify and improve their own vegetable production. There is something new to learn at each stop.

10: 00 a.m. Clark Produce Auction *2048 Hwy Y, Clark, MO*

Clark Produce Auction is a wholesale auction located in the heart of an Amish community. The growers for the auction are mostly Amish. The manager of the auction will meet with the group to discuss how the auction works, quality of produce, qualifications to sell, and more. Sale starts at 10:30 a.m. Participants will have the opportunity to see how the auction works and make a purchase, if you choose.

(Look for University of Missouri Extension personnel when you arrive. Directions for the rest of the tour will be passed out.) **Please drive safely and courteously with buggies on the roads!**



11: 30 a.m. S & M Produce (Sonny & Mary Orth) Farm *(rural Centralia, MO)*

The Orths became Master Gardeners several years ago and continue building their produce farm. They raise a variety of vegetables (lettuces, cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes, and much more). They raise produce outdoors and in high tunnels. Their primary market is farmer's markets. Sonny and Mary will share the successes and challenges they have experienced.



1:00 p.m. Lunch at the Audrain 4-H Center *(air conditioning and restrooms)*
Courtesy of Missouri Vegetable Growers Association

2:00 p.m. Maxwell Gardens *(rural Mexico, MO)*

Tom Maxwell is a Master Gardener and will share some of the helpful things he has learned growing plants outdoors and in the greenhouse. An heirloom tomato variety, Mrs. Maxwell's Big Italian, was named for Tom's late mother Sallie Maxwell, who was also a Master Gardener. He will be sharing the story of the tomato.



How to Register: Registration is **required by June 25th**. Call the Audrain County Extension Center at 573-581-3231 and provide your name, phone number, and county of residence. If you have special dietary requirements, please let them know when registering. There is no cost. Farm owners have graciously opened their farms for the tour. Security is always a concern, so farm owners will be given the registration list ahead of time since the tour will be on private property.

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