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Spence Farm

Fairbury

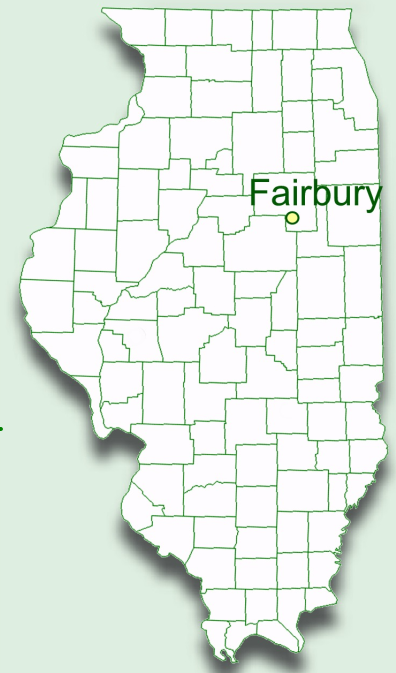
www.thespencefarm.com

Marty and Kris Travis are stewards of Spence Farm—the oldest family farm in Livingston County. Visitors on the tour will see the gardens, garlic planting, permaculture plantings like daylilies, pawpaws and wildflowers for propagating and seed. Additionally, participants will see how Marty and Kris make use of the older building on the property and how they try to build new structures to fit the historic landscape of the farm.

Some of the unusual features of the farm include: the numerous outbuildings, the use of old horse drawn equipment reconditioned to be used for small crops today, a seven-acre prairie and a working woodlot that features ways to do agroforestry.

Directions

From I-55, take Rt 24 east. As you come into Fairbury from the west, you will come to the only stoplight in town at First Street. At the light, turn right and go south out of town. At the "T" turn right and follow the road as it curves a bit to the left. Keep to the left and the road will straighten back to the south. Proceed another 4 miles. Spence Farm is the first farm past County Road 300N on 2100E. It is a large 3-story, cream-colored house with a sign at the end of the drive, "Darnall-Spence Homestead 1830."



Cost to register for each tour (which includes lunch) is \$20/first family member, \$10/each additional family member. Children under 10 are free. Advanced registration of at least one week prior to the tour is required. For more information and to register for 2007 tours, visit www.extension.uiuc.edu/smallfarm or contact Donna Cray (217-241-4644, dcray@uiuc.edu).



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