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## **Pick Your Own**

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WITH SUMMER IN FULL BLOOM, THE FIELDS IN OUR AREA ARE FILLED WITH FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. AS LIZ CRENSHAW SHOWS US TONIGHT, IT'S TIME TO HEAD TO THE HILLS.

Crenshaw

YES YOU CAN FIND WONDERFUL PRODUCE AT THE GROCERY, AND ROADSIDE STANDS. BUT HEADING OUT TO THE FIELDS TO PICK YOUR OWN, MEANS FRESH FRUITS AND VEGGIES AND FUN TOO.

Oh goody there's one! You've got to come out to the country, the country is where it is all started. Raspberries, blackberries, cherries...oh it' fun. You have to pick the right day, the right time. This place is great. We have a good time.

Crenshaw

HAVING A GOOD TIME. THE FOLKS WE RAN INTO AT HOMESTEAD FARM IN POOLESVILLE MARYLAND WERE PICKING BERRIES AND CHERRIES AND LOVING EVERY MINUTE.

It's different, the children enjoy it, its peaceful. You pick your own, you get your hands dirty, it's a lot of fun!

Crenshaw

WHAT ARE YOU PICKING TODAY?

Raspberries and blackberries.

Crenshaw

AND WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH THEM?

Making jam.

Crenshaw

Oh you got one, that's good.

It's a lot cheaper out here. Get away from the city and all the traffic. It's nice to get out in the country, especially taking your kids out and let them play out here.

I think its really fun, its such a nice area, its pretty.

Crenshaw

WHY DO YOU LIKE IT OUT HERE?

It makes me happy, and it's cool.

Ben Allnut, Farm Owner

The farm has been in the family for several generations. About 300 acres, and we grow all sorts of fruits and vegetables.

Crenshaw

BEN ALLNUTT OWNS HOMESTEAD FARM. WHILE SOME DAYS ARE NOTHING BUT HOT, STICKY ON A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER DAY, WITH A BREEZE, THERE'S NOTHING BETTER

Ben Allnut, Farm Owner

A lot of people find it therapeutic to go out on a 78 degree July day and pick cherries and blackberries. It's recreation, you have something to show for your effort, and its a family thing.

We have a huge bucket of them. Come out and enjoy the sunshine and pick some fresh berries they just taste

better.

Crenshaw

SO DO YOU PUT ONE IN THE BASKET, AND EAT ONE.

I think it's 2 in the mouth, one in the basket.

Crenshaw

OH, YOU HAVE DONE, PICK YOUR OWN BUGS! WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH THOSE BUGS?

I'm gone take care of them.

There's a nice patch right here.

Crenshaw

WHAT ARE YOU GOING OT DO WITH ALL THOSE BLACKBERRIES?

Freeze them and make some pies. We are goon make blueberry pie and blackberry pie.

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OH CAN I COME OVER AND HAVE SOME.

Sure!

Crenshaw

TO FIND PICK YOUR OWN FARMS MARYLAND PUBLISHES A BROCHURE YOU CAN PICK UP AT COUNTY LIBRARIES, STATE TOURISM CENTERS AND LOCAL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICES. YOU CAN GET THE VIRGINIA GROWN GUIDE 888-824-2457.