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**BICYCLE TOUR OF BURLINGTON COUNTY FARM BELT SET
FOR THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

Participants Can Still Sign Up For The 5th Annual "Tour des Farms"

It's not too late to sign up for Burlington County's Fifth Annual South Jersey Tour des Farms, which begins and ends in Vincentown this Saturday, September 10th, and which will, once again, give bicyclists another opportunity to pedal through Burlington County's picturesque farm belt.

"This popular event provides participants with an eye-opening opportunity to learn about the diversity of our agricultural community and production," said Freeholder Bruce Garganio. "Bicyclists also have the opportunity to 'stop and shop' for local produce along the route."

The day-long event is hosted by the Burlington County Freeholders and the South Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting South Jersey's natural resources.

The cost is \$45 per person and \$65 per couple in advance and \$50 per person and \$70 per couple on event day. Each rider will receive a Tour des Farms t-shirt and five "Farm Bucks" that will be honored at all participating farm stops on the day of the tour.

Registration will take place at The Jack Allen Memorial Early County Living Museum on Landing Road in Vincentown beginning at 8 a.m. and refreshments will be available until 9:30 a.m.

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Riders will have three marked routes to choose from - a 15-mile route, a 29-mile route, and a 54-mile route - and stops along the way will include cranberry, vegetable, organic, alpaca, and community supported agricultural farms, pick-it-yourself orchards and nurseries.

All riders will be invited to shop for local produce and other items that will be delivered to the starting point by organizers for pickup at the end of the ride.

The tour is limited to the first 325 entries and all participants must be at least 12 years of age, wear helmets, sign release forms and follow the rules of the road. Riders are also encouraged to carry their own water bottles. The rain date is Sunday, September 11th.

The SJRC&D is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and improving South Jersey's natural resources. Proceeds from the Tour des Farms will support the Farming for the Future Mini Grant Program.

To pre-register, or for more information, go to www.sjrkd.org/tourdesfarms or www.active.com, or call (609) 613-5573.

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