



Farm Foundation Round Table Tour
Charlottesville, VA
Wednesday, June 7, 2017

- 6:30 a.m.** Buffet breakfast – The Boar’s Head Inn
- 7:00 a.m.** Tour Briefing
- 7:30 a.m.** Depart The Boar’s Head Inn
- 9:00 a.m.** Arrive at Polyface Farm
43 Pure Meadows Lane, Swoope, VA
Located in the Shenandoah Valley, this family-owned, multi-generational organic farm markets to more than 5,000 families, restaurants, retail markets and farmers’ markets. Co-owner Joel Salatin will discuss the farm’s complex rotation practices and share his perspectives on the future of food production. Salatin was featured in the book, Omnivore’s Dilemma and the documentary Food Inc.
- 10:30 a.m.** Depart Poly Face Farm
- 11:15 a.m.** Arrive at Cyrus McCormick Farm
128 Cyrus McCormick Circle, Raphine, VA
This will be a self-guided tour of the farm where in 1831, 22-year-old Cyrus McCormick took over his father's project of designing a mechanical reaper. McCormick created features of the machine that remain in use today: a divider, reel, a straight-reciprocating knife, a finger, a platform to catch the cut stalks, main wheel and gearing, and a draft traction on the front. He went on to start International Harvester, a Chicago-based company that would become one of the driving forces behind the establishment of Farm Foundation in the 1930s.
- 11:30 p.m.** Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.** Depart McCormick Farm
- 2:00 p.m.** Arrive at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello
931 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Charlottesville, VA
Thomas Jefferson considered himself first and foremost farmer. He stated that "those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God...." In his time, Jefferson was unique in his understanding of the interrelationship between humanity and the environment, and how the two shaped each other. Considered one of America’s early agronomists, Jefferson used such farming practices as crop rotation, use of fertilizer and contour plowing. Our tour of the plantation and the residence will include areas not open to most visitors. We will also hear plans for developing the agricultural output of the farm.
- 5:00 p.m.** Reception at the Northwest Terrace of Monticello
- 7:00 p.m.** Depart for The Boar’s Head Inn

