



# The Farm at Miller's Crossing

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**The Hamburg Fair in Old Lyme, CT**

## **Fair Season is here!!!!**

The seasonal shift always comes about now. Chris and I are wrapping up our discussions of this season, the crops are all laid out, and we know for the most part what will be going where over the next few months.

The discussions turn towards improvements for next year, changes we hope to make and planning for our fall and winter labor needs. In the thick of all the end of the season planning is the Fair. We usually go to the Hamburg Fair in my hometown in Connecticut in early August, then the Dutchess County Fair one night just to get ready for our favorite and our local Columbia County Fair.

Despite the fact that these events are held at the same time every year...they always catch me off guard. It is THIS week I say to myself...yikes I better get the applications in, get my photos up to date and figure out our display. I always figure that one of these years the kids will be involved in 4-H and that I will be ready because I will be riding the wave that they provide throughout the summer, but

that has not happened yet either. To tell the truth I sometimes wish I could just go to the Fair without all the hubbub...I wish to be an observer of the Fair rather than a participant.

I always stop to think about that...what does it mean to be a casual observer of things rather than an active participant??? The momentary pause causes me to evaluate myself, our Farm, and our role in the community. I think about the purpose of these County Fairs as celebrations of farming today as well as acknowledging Agricultural Heritage. They were meant to bring together the community to celebrate the harvest with Food, Fun and Festivities.

After this pause and momentary reflection about the Fair I feel inspired to put our best foot forward and do our part to showcase the best that we have to offer; a small effort really in the face of all that makes the fair such an event and a success. We hope to see you all there.

Enjoy the week, Katie



**End of the Season Sun!!!**