Economic Opportunities and Community Benefit, The Potential For AgriTourism

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Opportunities

- The opportunities are boundless only restrained by your effort and your imagination
- But first.....

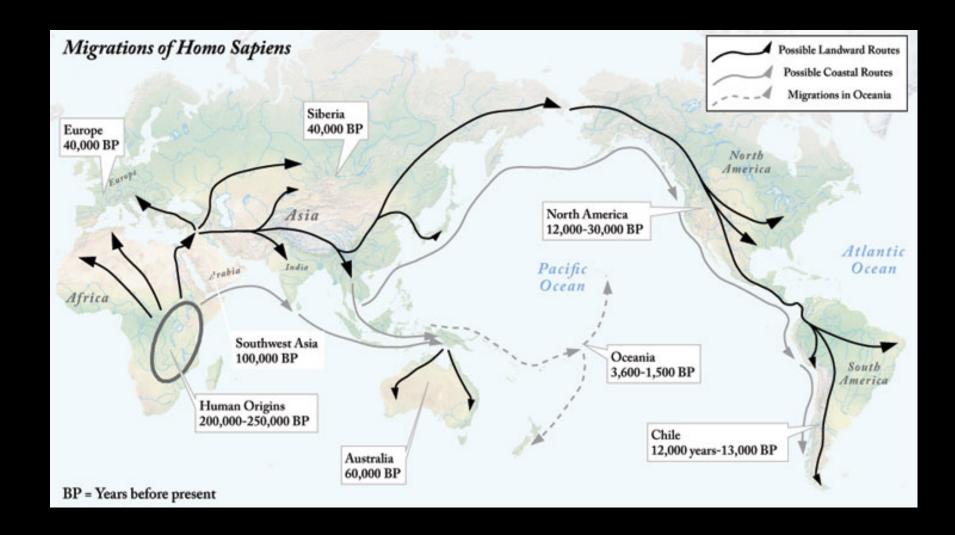
Let's look at where we came from



In the beginning:

- No agriculture
- Therefore no agritourism
- Then.....

People went on the move



A new day dawned: Agricultural Revolution



Benefits

- Feed more people
- Larger populations
- More specialization
- Man was on his way
- The world economy would never be the same
- Agritourism has begun

Drawbacks

- Exclusivity
- Haves and have nots
- Some of the first agritourists visited to steal and plunder



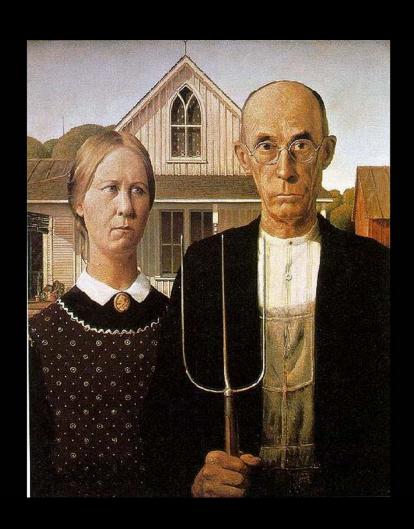
in nobleman and raider ambushed by Balkan farmers, middle of the 5th century. The Huns carried bone-tipped composite bows.

Industrial Revolution

- People flock to the city
- Small family
 Farming started
 to decline
- Beginning of the industrialization of food production



Farming is no longer Sexy



So Where are we Today???



Organic is no longer hippie food



Farmers markets are blowing up









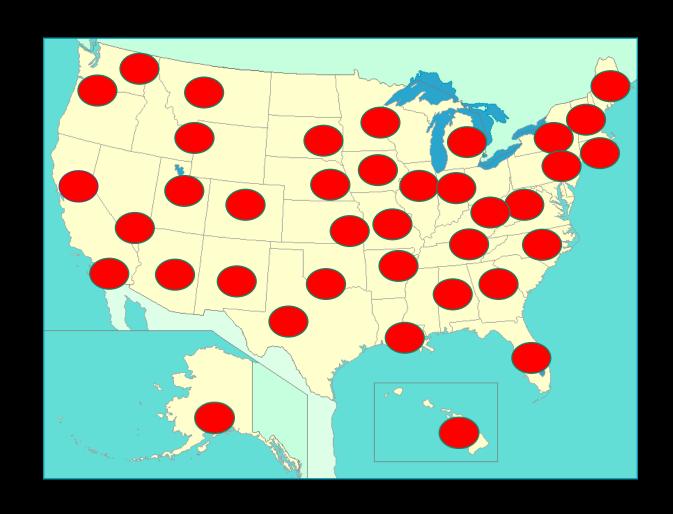
Farm Dinners







Chic Food Hubs





- Grocery Store Consolidation
- Retail Store Collapse
- On-Line Shopping / Instant Gratification

Millennials order from their phones

and expect two day free delivery

- At the same time they want or seek out real authentic experiences
- They have the time and the desire to go out and find them
- Transportation is better cheaper and more reliable

What does all this mean???



Let's look at an example

The Winery



- Basically a factory
- Who would go on vacation to visit a factory???
- Literally millions of people

- Going from a few hearty folks exploring the hinterlands to a booming tourism draw
- Not long ago there was wine tasting for free
- Now not only do they charge but there is also fees for tours of the factory

- More tourists increased retail sales which increased profit margins
- Increasing the items available in the tasting rooms increased incremental sales
- Offering more innovative ways to capture more time and more sales
- VIP tastings and tours
- Weddings and events
- Restaurants

- These factories change the whole economic structure of the area while keeping a somewhat agrarian lifestyle intact
- Cultural changes: museums, arts and research
- Hospitals and health care
- Infrastructure
- Property values increase
- Tax revenues rise
- Local merchants flourish which enhance this whole upward spiral

Economic Permaculture



The Future

- Celebrity Farmers
- More Authentic Experiences
- Better more wholesome food
- With the decline of the shopping mall experience our new consumers will be searching for the next new thing that combines the key components listed above

Endless Opportunities

Increase your footprint

Offer more to keep guests for longer more involved experience

Food and beverage (Food Trucks are awesome)

Tours

Education opportunities

Events

Partner with other farmers / crafters / producers

Endless Opportunities

- Laser Beam Focus
- Find out what makes you unique and put ALL of your effort, focus and energy into making it the absolute best

Telling your story in every way possible

Like the French AOC or Italian DOP

Beurre D'Echire



Endless Opportunities

- What resonates with you and your situation
- How do you take these positive trends and make them your own

The Future It is here!!!

 Celebrity farmers such as Joel Salatin are making an impact





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Visionaries in our midst creating the shopping malls of the future



The Future It is here!!!

- There are many more Celebrity Farmers here
- There are creative and innovative ideas that will move us into the future
- A rising tide raises all ships
- As we step into the future and take advantage of all of the current trends that are causing the tides to rise
- The whole region will feel the impact of the Local agritourism boom

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Happy and Profitable Farming!