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OUTDOOR EVENTS THRIVE AS 186,000 SUNFLOWERS BRING FIELDS OF LIVING SUNSHINE TO THE 5TH ANNUAL SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL ON MAPLE LAWN FARMS.

New Park, PA – (Aug 2021) Guests looking for a joy-filled, safe activity outside of their houses explore an enormous field of flowers. Sunflowers are the "Happiest Crop on Earth" at Maple Lawn Farms, host of the 4th Annual Sunflower Festival. Due to weeks of record temperatures,

"Early Bloomers" are in full bloom for Aug 6-8 at this year's festival.

There will be zillions sunflowers for the regularly schedule event dates, Aug 13-15 and 20-22, 2021, the "Early Bloomers" are a bonus for visitors. The farmers planted over 187,001 sunflower seeds for 2021's event, and many varieties produce more than one bloom per seed.

This sunflower field is no ordinary 'patch.' This year's field, the size of 10 football fields and features Prop Stops for picture taking along the easily walkable pathways. Each area highlights the wide variety of sunflowers. No longer limited to a single yellow blossom, guests walk among fiery orange starbursts, dark crimson reds, lemon yellows, and Teddy-Bear-puff-ball-shaped flowers.



"On the farm we are blessed with space! Our sunflowers are in the equivalent of 10-football fields," says Hugh McPherson, now the head sunflower farmer at Maple Lawn Farms. "It's never been better to be out in the open air in the countryside – there's plenty of space."

The "Land of the Giants" is planted with Skyscraper, Kong and Titan varieties that can grow up to 12-feet-tall with heads up to 24 inches. Thousands of the giant sunflowers were planted with pathways for guests to explore. The towering flowers greet guests as they disembark from the wagon ride to the sunflower patch.

"It's just so fun to watch guests discover new, different varieties, shapes and colors," says Jenny Clendenen, Maple Lawn Farms Event Manager. "We provide water and take-home bags for sunflowers picked."

Maple Lawn Farms offers pick-your-own apples and pumpkins, so offering pick-your-own sunflowers fits right in. Each guest gets to hand select their favorite sunflower bloom to pick, clip and take home. Additional sunflowers by the half dozen or dozen are available as well, each guest may cut fresh from the field.

Guests park at the Maize Quest Fun Park, then take a wagon ride to the sunflower patch. Inside the sunflower field, a huge white tent awaits visitors providing shade, food service, LIVE music, and Maple Lawn Farm Market's Bakery treats. The on-site Maple Lawn Winery offers Pennsylvania beer and wine by the glass for guests 21 years or older.

"It is an Instagrammer's dream," says Michelle Posey, Maple Lawn Winery's sales manager. "The shapes, sizes and colors are incredible. Nothing like this field of flowers exists anywhere to get your pictures!"

Some time slots are already sold out as tickets are limited to just 120 people per half hour. Attendees are required to pre-purchase tickets by day to ensure everyone gets plenty of time to enjoy the sunflowers, and plenty of space for comfort.

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