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Learn benefits of farm tourism

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Are you interested in learning more about the potential of agritourism in Miami-Dade County? The Miami-Dade County/University of Florida Cooperative Extension is offering a workshop on the topic from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 13 in Homestead.

The keynote speakers will be Paul and Kathryn Zahn, owners of the Emerald Farm, a 75-acre farm on the edge of the city of Greenwood, S.C., which was converted to an agritourism model for the East Coast.

There is growing evidence of the benefits from agritourism, and many states are beginning to exploit these potential opportunities. A recent UF study estimated the potential impact from agritourism activities for the farming community in Miami-Dade County to be \$139 million.

The workshop will take place at the John D. Campbell Agricultural Center, 18710 SW 288th St. It is being sponsored by the Dade County Farm Bureau, Visit Florida, and the Everglades Alligator Farm.

For more information and registration, call Patty Viera, 305-248-3311, ext. 225.