



**2019 National Dairy Challenge and Academy**  
**March 28-30, 2019**  
**Tifton, Georgia**

## **THURSDAY EDUCATIONAL FARM TOURS**

An educational program will be offered Thursday March 28 for early arriving schools. The Thursday morning farm tour will be held at **Pecan Grove Dairy (formerly American DairyCo), 2923 Jackson Dairy Rd. in Baconton, GA**, about one hour west of Tifton. This tour will include a series of learning stations and will give students an exposure to typical dairying in the southeastern US. A lunch stop is scheduled on Thursday at **Sunbelt Ag Expo Grounds, 290-G Harper Boulevard in Moultrie, GA**. Thursday afternoon's farm tour will be at **Grassy Flats Dairy LLC (formerly Green Hill/Jumping Gully Dairy), 940 Magnolia Church Rd in Pavo, GA**. This is a unique opportunity to expose your students to a New Zealand style grazing dairy and will include speakers. *Note, grazing dairies will not be used in the contest.*

Schools *not* participating in Thursday's farm tour should arrive in Tifton no later than 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. Registration and dinner will be available at the conference center, followed by data distribution and review of contest procedures, which will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. If you have not registered for Thursday's activities, contact Ann Marie Magnochi at [amagnochi@wdexpo.com](mailto:amagnochi@wdexpo.com) by Thursday, March 21, 2019 to be added to the list. Contact us if your plans change so we have correct boot and meal counts for those attending.

### **Thursday, March 28, 2019**

- 8:00 am Depart Tifton hotels by school vans for Pecan Grove Dairy (breakfast on your own)
- 9:00 am Arrive at farm and group photo
- 9:15–11:15 am Morning Farm Tour  
Groups rotate through stations:
- Feed Center Efficiency - David Greene, Green Ag Solutions
  - Heat Abatement and Cow Comfort in a High THI Region - Melanie Hermon, Select Sires
  - Managing Labor Effectively - Ron Jackson, ST Genetics
  - Maximizing Parlor Efficiency while Maintaining Milk Quality - John Laster, Todd County Animal Clinic
  - Transitioning Cows Smoothly - Darren McGee, Elanco
- 11:30 am Depart Pecan Grove
- 12:15 pm Lunch at Sunbelt Ag Expo Grounds
- 1:15 pm Depart for Grassy Flats Dairy
- 1:35 pm Arrive at farm
- 1:45 – 3:45 pm Afternoon Farm Tour  
Groups rotate through stations:
- Getting the Most out of Feed Inputs - John Bernard, University of Georgia
  - Managing Forages in the Southeast - Dennis Hancock, University of Georgia
  - Finding the Financial Balance - David Lee, Farm Credit (retired)
  - Maintaining High Quality Milk in the Southeast - Gina Pighetti/SQMI Workers, Southeast Quality Milk Initiative
  - Crossbreeding: Advantages and Challenges - Gary Rogers, Geno Global
- 3:45 pm Depart for hotels
- 4:45 pm School vans return to Tifton hotels
- 5:45 – 6:45 pm Dairy Challenge Registration (All evening events at UGA Conference Center)
- 5:45 – 7:15 pm Buffet Dinner & Welcome
- 7:30 pm Academy Session 1 & Contest software & finance overview followed by distribution of computers and contest materials. *All students should be present.*

If you need help with directions, call Jillian Bohlen 706-207-6614 cell

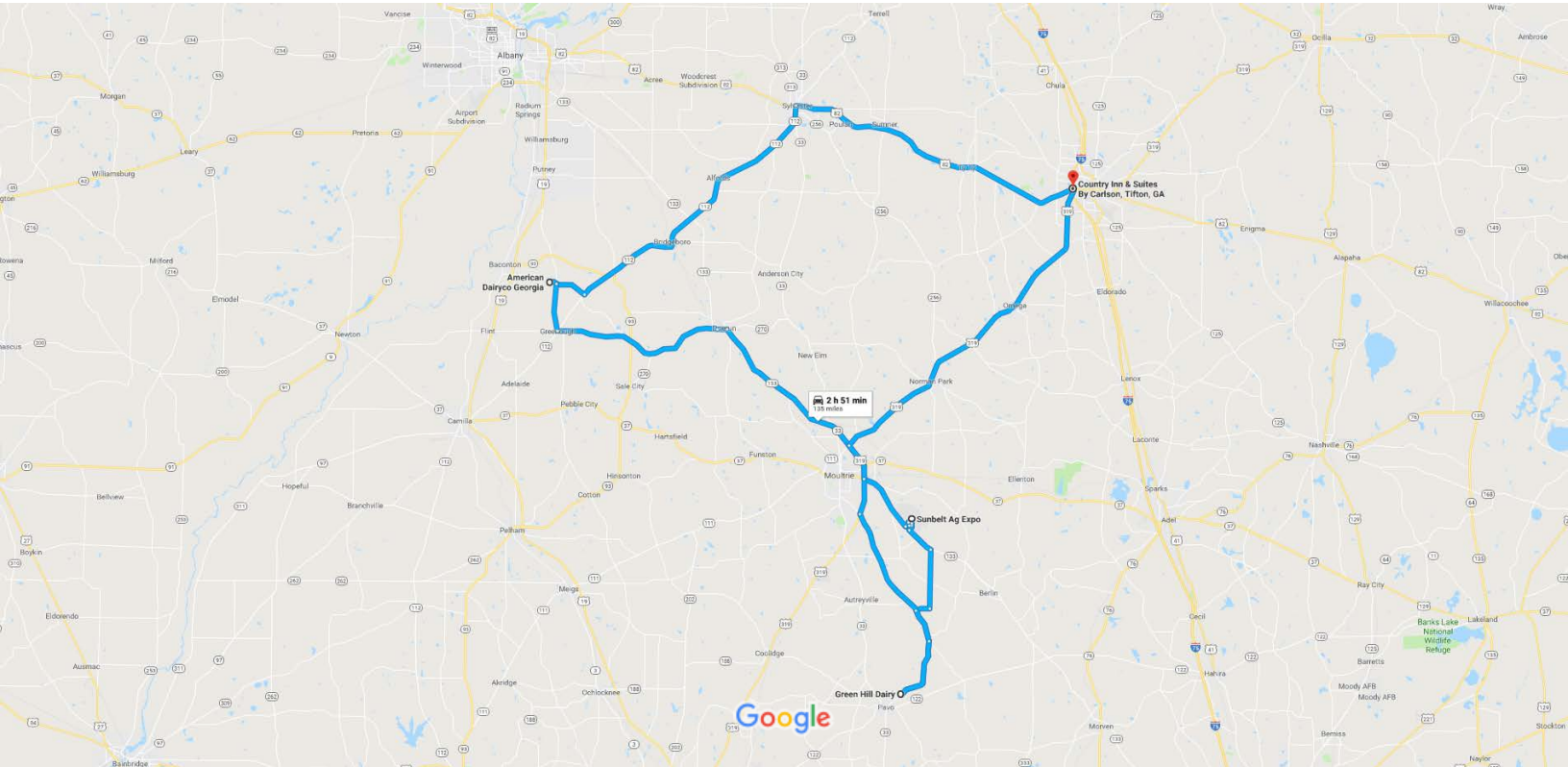
Morning Educational Tour: Pecan Grove Dairy



Afternoon Educational Tour: Grassy Flats Dairy



Driving directions from Tifton to PECAN GROVE DAIRY (formerly American Dairyco), then to SUNBELT AG EXPO GROUNDS for lunch, then to GRASSY FLATS DAIRY (Green Hill Dairy), returning to hotel.



Map data ©2019 Google 2 mi

### Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Tifton, GA

310 S Virginia Ave, Tifton, GA 31794

- ↑ 1. Head east  
\_\_\_\_\_ 161 ft
- ↘ 2. Turn right toward S Virginia Ave  
\_\_\_\_\_ 79 ft
- ↙ 3. Turn left toward S Virginia Ave  
\_\_\_\_\_ 59 ft
- ↘ 4. Turn right onto S Virginia Ave  
\_\_\_\_\_ 220 ft
- ↘ 5. Turn right onto US-82 W/7th St W  
  - [i](#) Continue to follow US-82 W
  - [i](#) Pass by Advance Auto Parts (on the left in 19.9 mi)
 \_\_\_\_\_ 20.3 mi
- ↙ 6. Turn left onto GA-112 S/N Isabella St  
  - [i](#) Continue to follow GA-112 S
 \_\_\_\_\_ 19.9 mi
- ↘ 7. Turn right onto Jackson Dairy Rd  
  - [i](#) Destination will be on the left
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2.6 mi

50 min (42.9 mi)


### Pecan Grove Dairy

Baconton, GA 31716


### Take Greenough Rd and GA-133 S to W Yount St in Moultrie

43 min (34.0 mi)


- ↑ 8. Head east on Jackson Dairy Rd toward Stage Coach Rd  
\_\_\_\_\_ 0.5 mi

-  9. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Stage Coach Rd  



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 3.1 mi
-  10. Turn left onto Tuton Rd  




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 259 ft
-  11. Continue onto Greenough Rd  




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 11.5 mi
-  12. Continue onto W Bay Ave  


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 0.7 mi
-  13. Slight right onto GA-133 S  
 [Pass by Hardee's \(on the right in 13.8 mi\)](#)  


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 13.9 mi
-  14. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto GA-133 S/1st Ave SE  
 [Continue to follow GA-133 S](#)  



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 4.3 mi


**Continue on W Yount St. Take Carter Ave and W Spaatz to N Vandenberg Dr**

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 4 min (0.9 mi)

-  15. Turn left onto W Yount St  



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 0.2 mi
-  16. Turn left onto Carter Ave  



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 0.2 mi
-  17. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Harper Blvd  



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 279 ft
-  18. Turn right onto W Spaatz  


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 0.3 mi
-  19. Turn left onto N Vandenberg Dr  


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 203 ft
-  20. Turn left to stay on N Vandenberg Dr  


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 325 ft

**(SEE DETAILED GROUNDS MAP BELOW)**


47 min (34.8 mi)

**Sunbelt Ag Expo**  
 290-G Harper Blvd, Moultrie, GA 31788


**Take N Vanderberg Dr and N Vandenberg Dr to GA-133 S**

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 4 min (0.8 mi)

-  21. Head south on N Vandenberg Dr  



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 325 ft
-  22. Turn right to stay on N Vandenberg Dr  



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 203 ft
-  23. Continue onto N Vanderberg Dr  



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 0.2 mi
-  24. Continue onto N Vandenberg Dr  


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 0.1 mi
-  25. At the traffic circle, take the 4th exit onto S Vandenberg Dr  


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 0.4 mi
-  26. Turn left onto GA-133 S  



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 2 min (1.9 mi)


**Follow Cook Rd to Tallokas Rd**

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 8 min (4.8 mi)

-  27. Turn right onto Cook Rd  


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 3.9 mi
-  28. Turn right to stay on Cook Rd  


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 0.9 mi

### Drive to Magnolia Church Rd in Brooks County

8 min (6.8 mi)

- 29. Turn left onto Tallokas Rd  
2.2 mi
- 30. Slight right onto Magnolia Church Rd  
4.5 mi

22 min (14.3 mi)

### Grassy Flats Dairy

940 Magnolia Church Rd, Pavo, GA 31778

### Take Tallokas Rd to E Bypass SE/S Veterans Pkwy in Colquitt County

16 min (14.2 mi)

- 31. Head northeast on Magnolia Church Rd toward Shelley Rd  
4.5 mi
- 32. Turn left onto Tallokas Rd/Talokos Rd  
[Continue to follow Tallokas Rd](#)  
9.7 mi

### Take US-319 N to S Virginia Ave in Tifton

35 min (28.6 mi)

- 33. Turn right onto E Bypass SE/S Veterans Pkwy  
[Continue to follow E Bypass SE](#)  
4.9 mi
- 34. Turn right onto US-319 N  
[Pass by Family Dollar \(on the left in 14.7 mi\)](#)  
23.8 mi

### Continue on S Virginia Ave to your destination

57 s (0.1 mi)

- 35. Continue straight onto S Virginia Ave  
220 ft
- 36. Turn left  
59 ft
- 37. Turn right  
79 ft
- 38. Turn left  
[Destination will be on the right](#)  
161 ft

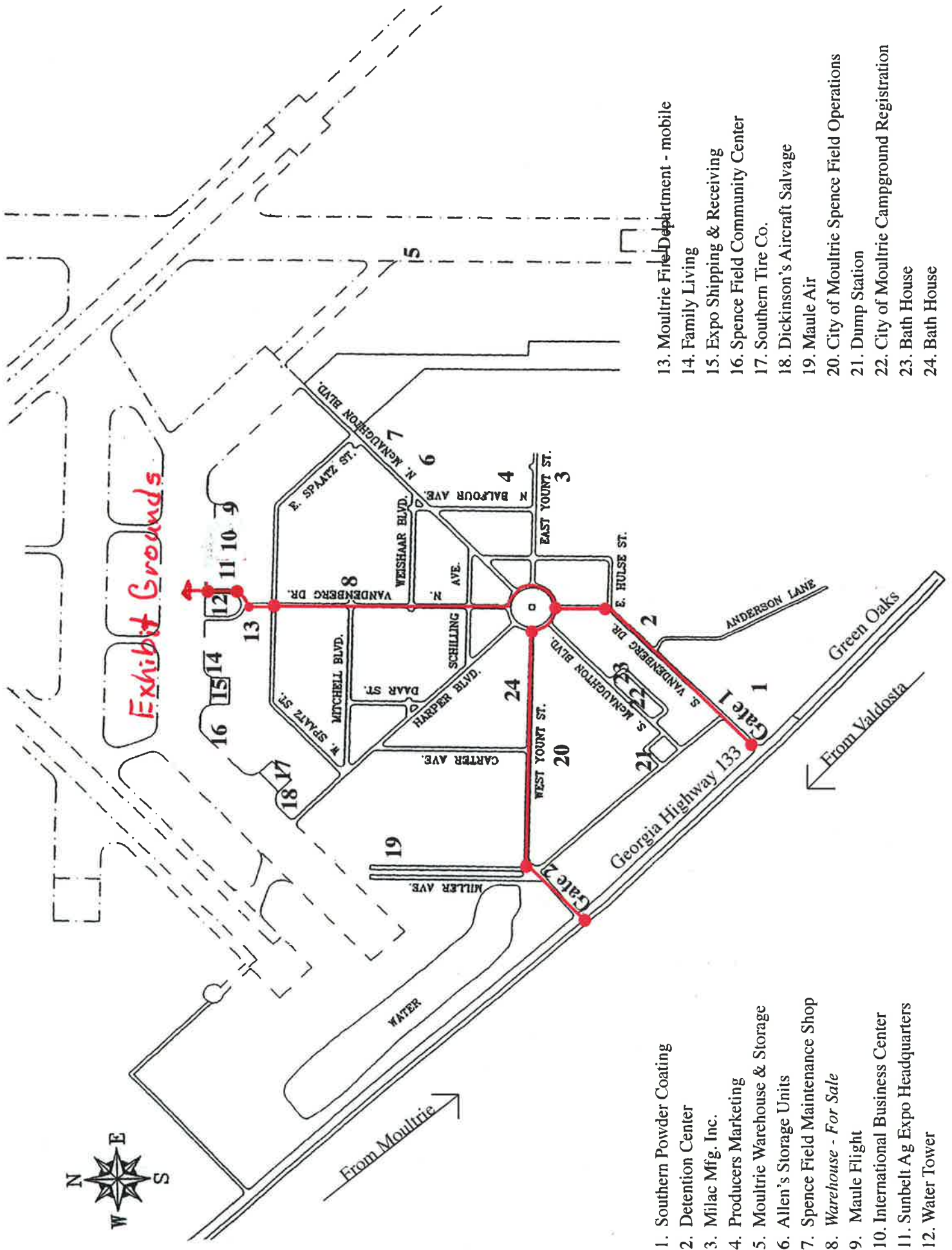
52 min (43.0 mi)

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These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.

# SUNBELT AG EXPO GROUNDS MAP



- 13. Moultrie Fire Department - mobile
- 14. Family Living
- 15. Expo Shipping & Receiving
- 16. Spence Field Community Center
- 17. Southern Tire Co.
- 18. Dickinson's Aircraft Salvage
- 19. Maule Air
- 20. City of Moultrie Spence Field Operations
- 21. Dump Station
- 22. City of Moultrie Campground Registration
- 23. Bath House
- 24. Bath House

- 1. Southern Powder Coating
- 2. Detention Center
- 3. Milac Mfg. Inc.
- 4. Producers Marketing
- 5. Moultrie Warehouse & Storage
- 6. Allen's Storage Units
- 7. Spence Field Maintenance Shop
- 8. Warehouse - For Sale
- 9. Maule Flight
- 10. International Business Center
- 11. Sunbelt Ag Expo Headquarters
- 12. Water Tower

# Lunch in Farm Press Building

