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4th Annual Strawberry Fest at Warner Farm – Celebrating 55 years!

Warner Farm announces their fourth annual Strawberry Fest. The event will take place in the farm fields on Old Amherst Road in Sunderland, Massachusetts on June 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This year Warner Farm is celebrating 55 years of U-Pick strawberries. The first strawberries for U-Pick were offered in 1961. The Fest celebrates local strawberries and Father's Day with a Pancake Breakfast featuring strawberries fresh from our fields. There will also be pick-your-own strawberries, homemade strawberry treats, games and activities for kids, live music, hay rides, pedal karts and the farm's brand-new Jump Pad. Admission is free; food and u-pick will have a minimal cost. The strawberries will be sold by the pound; fill your own container or get one from the farm.

Music will be provided by local favorite Eli Catlin. Eli has deep roots in country blues. Eli writes, sings, and plays in and around his home region of Northampton, MA. His soulful vocals and rocking guitar has been described as "nice gritty, bluesy". It is a sound that belies his age and is sure to make you a fan. Eli will be live during the Pancake Breakfast.

The Breakfast will be served from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Homemade strawberry shortcake, strawberry slushies and strawberry donuts as well as fresh made kettle corn and strawberry cotton candy will be available for purchase all day long.

10th generation farmer David Wissemann says that strawberries and Father's Day go together. "Our guests enjoy this festival because it gives them an opportunity to visit our farm and celebrate the start of the summer season. We are pleased to continue the U-Pick tradition started by my grandpa Charles Warner many years ago."

Warner Farm is one of the oldest and longest running family farms in New England. Ten generations of Warners have farmed in Sunderland since the 1720's. Father and son Mike and David Wissemann continue that legacy by growing a wide range of crops on 150 acres of fertile river valley soil, offering CSA shares and wholesale produce throughout Massachusetts. The produce is also sold at local stores, farmer's markets, and their own farmstand.

For further information visit www.warnerfarm.com

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