

An Agrarian Legacy: The Work of The Berry Center

Agriculture, rural communities and food systems are all intrinsically linked in society. Why should we care about agricultural research, studies of rural communities and the food system? Mary Berry will give us a truly interdisciplinary look at these important issues.



The Berry Center Executive Director Mary Berry and her brother, Den Berry, were raised by their parents, Wendell and Tanya Berry, at Lanes Landing Farm in Henry County, Kentucky. She attended the University of Kentucky and has spent her adult life farming for a living in Henry County starting out in dairy farming, growing Burley tobacco, and later diversifying to organic vegetables, pastured poultry and grass-fed beef.

If her daughters Katie Johnson, Virginia Aguilar and Tanya Smith choose to stay in Henry County, they will be the *ninth generation of their family to live and farm there.*

The Berry Center exists to ensure a healthy countryside populated by prosperous farmers on well-tended farms. The focus of the work at the Center is on land use, farm policy, farmer education, urban education about farming, and local food infrastructure. The goal is to establish within the Commonwealth of Kentucky a national model of urban-rural connectedness.

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3:30 – 4:30 pm

Where: Johnson Hall 343

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