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Dinner becomes fruit-forward with these quick farmstand dishes

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Fall's on the doorstep, and I've got a deadline for you: Sunday's the last day to sign up for the Sept. 20 farm dinner held at Beech Springs Farm in Orrtanna, Pa., a shorter-than-you-think drive from Washington. (See details [here](#).)

Along the way, I recommend stopping at an orchard stand to pick up the fixings for the following short list of autumnal, fruit-centric dishes in our [Recipe Finder](#), but first, a bit about the dinner.

Bill and Jayne Shord, together with Lori Korczyk of Savor Gettysburg Food Tours, put on a relaxed affair. The scenery's spectacular, viewed from the refurbished 1867 barn at Beech Springs, where the Shords have in a relatively short time created a country oasis. You'll find what's in your mind's eye — the long, rustic table, just-picked bouquets in jars, rocking chairs, a sure hand in the five-course menu executed by chef Josh Fidler of nearby [Fidler & Co. Craft Kitchen](#) in Biglerville.

Not to be overlooked, though, are the benefits of what such a dinner offers, which extend far beyond appreciating the efforts of local farmers and producers. The air will clear your head; the tuneful accompaniment will reawaken your senses to live music; you'll commune with folks who come from all over.

And you might just be inspired to cook, which brings us back to what you'll want to shop for at the farm stands. These recipes are all quick and easy to make:

[Roasted Apple and Fennel Salad](#)

[Apple and Country Ham Risotto](#); [Shiitake Tacos With Asian Pear Slaw](#)

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2. [Whipped Hummus](#). A revelation in smoothness, the recipe calls for peeling chickpeas.
3. [Kale and Chickpea Stew](#). Meatless and quick.
4. [Black-Eyed Pea and Sweet Potato Quesadillas](#). No cheese; a Weeknight Vegetarian favorite.
5. [Whipped Hummus With Lamb and Sumac](#). The additions of tender, spiced lamb and toasted pine nuts take the condiment to an appetizer or lunchtime option.

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