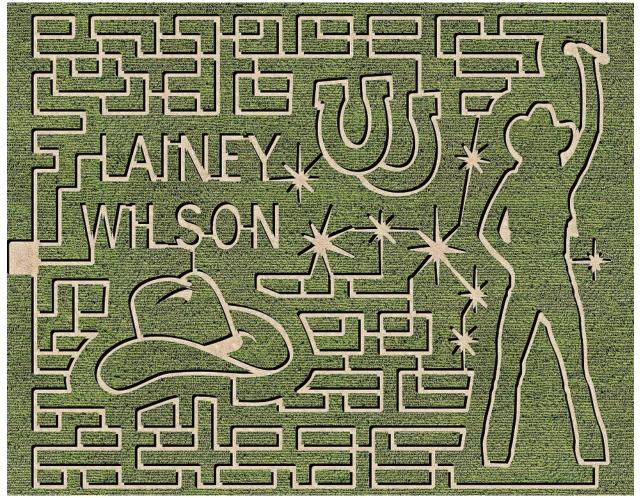
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Denver Downs Farm: Lainey Wilson Corn Maze. PROVIDED BY DENVER DOWNS FARM

'Music, farm fun, and community traditions'

Denver Downs Farm to feature 6-acre corn maze honoring Lainey Wilson

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A farm in Upstate South Carolina is getting a little more country.

As part of its fall festival attractions and in celebration of Lainey Wilson's recent Academy of Country Music's Entertainer of the Year award, Denver Downs Farm will feature a six-acre corn maze honoring the singer from September 26 to November 9.

The 200-acre Denver Downs Farm, located in Anderson County at 1515 Denver Road, is one of 36 farms across the United States and Canada participating in the 2025 Country Music Corn Maze campaign.

"Lainey's roots and music connect with families everywhere - we can't wait to share our maze tribute with visitors from all over!" according to Catherine Garrison Davis, fourth-generation co-owner of Denver Downs Farm.

"Our family is thrilled to celebrate Lainey Wilson with this year's maze design," Davis said. "At Denver Downs, we love bringing together live music, farm fun, and community traditions. It's also special to join with our farm family friends across the country in highlighting Lainey. Her story, her roots, and her music resonate with families like ours, and we're so excited to share this fun tribute with visitors from all over."

Brett Herbst, founder of Maize Inc., expressed his excitement about featuring Lainey Wilson this year. "We couldn't be more excited to honor Lainey in so many of our maze designs this year," he said. "Our mazes are all about bringing people closer together to create memories on the farm, and Lainey represents that so perfectly with her love for agriculture and being a country girl at heart."

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sports in the bonus sections. Check it out today!



Country music sensation Lainey Wilson's concert brought a large crowd to the SC Peach Festival in Gaffney on July 14, 2023.

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If you go

To view this year's locations, visit www.themaize.com/lainey.

Tickets range from \$19.95 to \$29.95.

For more information, call 864-556-3394 or visit www.DenverDownsFarm.com.

LEFT: Families walk around the corn maze, some children on the shoulders of their fathers, during the opening day of an eight-week Denver Downs Farm Fall Fun Festival in Anderson on Sept. 26, 2020. KEN RUINARD/USA TODAY NETWORK SOUTH CAROLINA

DSS asked to remove candy, sugary drinks from SNAP

Bella Carpentier

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South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster has issued an executive order seeking to ban candy and sweetened drinks from government food assistance eligibility.

McMaster filed the order on Sept. 3, which directs the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) to submit a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). That request would remove sugary drinks and candy from the list of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligible foods.

"South Carolina is doing her part to Make America Healthy Again," McMaster said in a statement. "This request is a light-touch, common-sense approach that ensures these federal taxpayer dollars are being used to help families purchase healthy, nutritious food – not unhealthy candy and sugary drinks."

This move is in line with a February 13 executive order from President Donald Trump. The "Establishing the President's Make America Healthy Again Commission" order aims to combat obesity, diabetes, and chronic health conditions through targeted research, policy, and the establishment of a new government commission.

"To fully address the growing health crisis in America, we must re-direct our national focus, in the public

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9/11 EVENTS

Memorial walks, stair climbs in Greenville, Clemson, more

Travis Jacque Rose

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The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, involved the hijacking of four commercial airplanes in the United States.

Two of the planes were flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, causing their eventual collapse.

Another plane crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, causing significant damage to the building.

The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, was headed for a target in Washington, D.C., but crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to regain control of the plane from the hijackers.

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The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb was held at Fluor Field in Greenville on Sept. 10, 2022. First responders observe a moment a silence at the event.

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