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WIZARD OF OZ BECKONS IDAHOANS at The FARMSTEAD

Idaho's Original Corn Maze Opens for 18th Season

MERIDIAN, Idaho. — September 2014 — Idahoans will soon have the opportunity to embark on an amazing journey to Oz when The FARMSTEAD Corn Maze and Pumpkin Festival opens on September 19th near Eagle Road and I-84. The Wizard of Oz corn maze will be the 18th in a series of creations that has drawn the attention of local and national media as well as thousands of visitors each year.

FARMSTEAD patrons will enjoy interactive games as they follow the *yellow brick road* on their fantastical journey to *Emerald City* and home again. The MAiZE pathways, which form the images of many elements in the story, are carved into more than one million corn stalks—plenty of room to make a scarecrow comfortable and even hide a few lions and tigers and bears (*Oh My!*).

2014 marks 75 years since the classic story by L. Frank Baum was produced as a motion picture. Beloved by generations, the appeal of The Wizard of Oz reaches young and old alike.

Outside of the cornfield, visitors will be reminded that *there's no place like home* as they share the full experience of The FARMSTEAD with their family and friends, including hayrides, pumpkin picking, pig races, The Creature, great food, and much more. The Field of Screams haunted experience is available Friday and Saturday nights in October. The FARMSTEAD season culminates with **Candy in the Corn** trick-or-treating (Oct. 31) and a season finale **Pumpkin Smash** (Nov. 1).

In addition to providing wholesome entertainment opportunities for families and young adults, The FARMSTEAD mission includes promoting healthy lifestyles through the **Farmstead Fit Club** and educating children about the relevance of agriculture through on-farm field trips and a Food Plate rewards program.

The FARMSTEAD will be open to the public September 19 – November 1, Monday-Thursday from 4-9 pm; Fridays from 4-11 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am – 11 pm. It is closed Sundays. The FARMSTEAD is located at 1020 South Rackham Way, near I-84 at the Eagle Road exit. For more information or reservations, call 922-LOST (5678) or visit www.FarmsteadFestival.com.