



# Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture

## Farmers Welcome Visitors on Open Farm Day 2018

St. John's, NL – It's that time of year again – Open Farm Day is being celebrated across the region on Sunday, September 16. Farmers in Newfoundland and Labrador will once again open their doors to give the public a first-hand look at how local farms contribute to Canadian agriculture.

There's a wide range of farms participating including vegetable, berry, greenhouse, honeybee, livestock operations and much more! Open Farm Day gives people of all ages the opportunity to see where their food comes from and how farms operate.

A complete list of participating farms is posted on the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture website: [www.nlfa.ca](http://www.nlfa.ca).

### Quotes

“Open Farm Day is a great opportunity to see first-hand the dedication and pride our local farm families take in producing the highest-quality foods and products for Canadians. I encourage everyone to visit a local farm to learn about food production in Newfoundland and Labrador and why it is so important to our economy and way of life.”

- The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

“Newfoundland and Labrador's agriculture industry is guided by experts who are passionate about sharing their knowledge and experiences with others. Events like Open Farm Day build awareness about how these talented and dedicated people are helping us achieve key commitments in The Way Forward to improve Newfoundland and Labrador's food self-sufficiency and support new jobs that people can build their futures on. I encourage people to take advantage of this opportunity to meet the farmers and producers who are bringing the agriculture industry to the next level in our province.”

- The Honourable Gerry Byrne, Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources

“Open Farm Day provides a unique opportunity for the public to experience farming activities and gain a new appreciation for the agricultural products they use daily. Creating awareness of the agriculture industry in the province is an important objective for our organization and having the public come out to meet the people involved in the industry and see where the food we eat comes from is a great way to accomplish that goal.”

- Merv Wiseman, NLFA President

### Quick Facts

- Open Farm Day in Atlantic Canada is funded, in part, by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial, and territorial governments to strengthen the agriculture and agri-food sector.

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- There are more than 8,500 farms and more than one million hectares of farmland in Atlantic Canada.
- Last year, 14 participating farms welcomed more than 5,200 visitors in Newfoundland and Labrador on Open Farm Day.
- The Newfoundland and Labrador agriculture industry provides approximately 6,500 jobs and has primary and value-added production worth approximately \$500 million.

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