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### Nova Scotia's 23<sup>rd</sup> Open Farm Day on September 24, 2023!

**Nova Scotia** – Farmers across Nova Scotia will open their farm gates to celebrate the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Open Farm Day. Weather impacted the original event day which was intended to take place last weekend with New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island farms. The event will now take place in-person and online on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

Each participating farm will offer its own unique experience. Visitors will explore working farms, meet the farmers who grow our food, and participate in educational activities and family fun! Please check the website at [www.atlanticopenfarmday.ca](http://www.atlanticopenfarmday.ca) for details to plan your visit and ensure farms are open.

“Open Farm Day is a remarkable opportunity for Maritimers to visit and learn about local farms, and see firsthand how innovative and sustainable Canadian agriculture is. Thank you to the organizers for continuing this tradition and to the farmers who volunteer to open their doors and provide a memorable experience for families year after year.” - The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

“Nova Scotia's farms offer much to our communities and economy, so let's celebrate all they provide us. I encourage you to visit a farm, in person or virtually, during Open Farm Day to learn how farmers go about the work that puts fresh, local food on our plates.” - The Honourable Greg Morrow, Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture.

“Open Farm Day is an opportunity to build strong community connections while fostering an appreciation of where our local food comes from and the farmers that produce it,” said Allan Melvin, President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture. “We hope that you can join us to celebrate the important role of agriculture in our province, either in-person or virtually, and experience all that our farms have to offer.”

Visitors can plan to take part in unique events or discover life on a farm! Not to be missed- the Open Farm Day Passport offers a chance to win a great prize package for children of all ages as they learn about the source of local food!

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