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Explore where your food comes from during Nova Scotia's 24th Open Farm Day on Sunday, September 15, 2024!

Nova Scotia – Farmers across Atlantic Canada will open their farm gates to celebrate the 24th anniversary of Open Farm Day in Atlantic Canada. The event takes place on participating farms around the province and online at www.atlanticopenfarmday.ca on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

Sixteen different farms across Nova Scotia will open their doors as part of Open Farm Day. Additional farms will be participating virtually through video tours and live streams. Visitors will be able to explore working farms, meet the farmers who grow our food, and participate in educational activities for the whole family! Each participating farm will offer its own unique experiences such as farm tours, kids activities, demonstrations and conversations with local farmers.

"Agriculture is a key economic driver that so many of our communities here in Atlantic Canada depend on. Atlantic Open Farm Day is an excellent opportunity for folks to visit farms in their area and learn more about where their food comes from and the hardworking Atlantic Canadians who produce it." - The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

"Open Farm Day is a great family outing, an enjoyable learning opportunity, a chance to see how our local food is grown and produced and an opportunity to say hello to Nova Scotia farmers whose hard work puts food on our table and helps to grow our rural economy. Plan to visit a Nova Scotia farm near you, on Open Farm Day." - The Honourable Greg Morrow, Minister of Agriculture for Nova Scotia

"Our farms are an essential part of our way of life in Nova Scotia, providing high-quality food and products that sustain our communities. We welcome everyone to Open Farm Day to meet the farmers behind this work and discover the new technologies and practices that are shaping agriculture in Nova Scotia today." - Allan Melvin, President, Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture

Visitors can plan to take part in the unique events of each province and discover life on the farm across Atlantic Canada. To see which farms in Nova Scotia are participating, and to stay up to date on what's happening with Atlantic Farm Day 2024 please visit: www.atlanticopenfarmday.ca. 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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For more information or to schedule an interview with participating farmers and event organizers please contact:

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