



Congratulations to all Participants



Megan Smith, Clifton received 1st place in the Junior Limousin class.



Ashley Higgins, Clifton 4-H Club, received Reserve Champion Beef Calf.



Adam Millen, of Onslow Belmont 4-H Club, received a Third Place in the Junior Sheep Showmanship Class and a 5th in Sheep Confirmation.



Raylee Hendsbee received a second place in Rabbit Confirmation with her Min-Rex rabbit Heavenly Devine.

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Clifton Life Skills display.



Onslow Belmont Life Skills display.



Truro North River Life Skills Display.



Jessica Porter will be going on to Pro-Show with her junior vegetable display.

Open Farm Day – September 16TH

Opening Eyes and Minds is the main objective of Open Farm Day. Farmers across the province will once again be opening their gates for the 17th annual Open Farm Day on Sunday, September 16th. Over 35 farms are ready to welcome thousands of Nova Scotians to their operations including vineyards, orchards, livestock and much more. A list of 10 participating farms from Cumberland, Colchester and immediate surrounding area has been included at the end of this article.

Open Farm Day is an Atlantic wide event with New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island participating alongside Nova Scotia.

Visitors will gain a better understanding of the agricultural industry in Nova Scotia and have fun while doing it. Every location offers activities with educational components such as: guided farm tours, displays and demonstrations. Guests also get the chance to pick local produce, visit with livestock, taste wine and other food samples, go on wagon rides, purchase local products - for a full list of activities please visit the website listed at the bottom.

There are 9 farms participating in Cumberland and Colchester Counties. There is a wide variety of commodities from Alpacas to Apples, Beef to Sheep, Market Garden Vegetables to Maple Syrup, there's something for everyone on Open Farm Day!

"Every farm has something different to offer visitors," said Victor Oulton, President of Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture. "It's a great opportunity for folks to visit farms in their community or make a day of it and explore other areas of the province."

In Nova Scotia, there are more than 2550 registered farms and 29 recognized commodity groups - this year there are a wide variety of commodities represented with locations from one tip of the province to the other.

A list of participating farms can be found at www.meetyourfarmer.ca/openfarmday. Here is listing of the farms in Colchester, Cumberland and one from Maitland follows:

17. Four Seasons Farm
Farm Type: Organic vegetable
Address: 8244 Hwy 215, Maitland
County: Hants

Directions to Farm: Hwy 215, 2km west of Maitland Village. Directly across the street from Gallery 215.

Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Activities: Guided and self-guided tours, kids activities, lunch all day, adult scavenger hunt, veggies and herbs for sale all day.

18. Cochrane Family Farm
Farm Type: Certified organic vegetable, seed and herbs
Address: 5324 Hwy 289, Upper Steviacke
County: Colchester

Directions to Farm: From New Glasgow take Exit 20 on to the 289W and from Hwy 102 take the Brookfield exit #12 and drive 26km up the 289E.

Hours: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Activities: We will be offering tours of the greenhouses, raised beds, gardens, seed production areas. View over 130 varieties of vegetables, herbs and flowers we grow. Demonstrations on seed saving and soil building. Our farm market will be open, coffee, tea, baked goods available and a picnic area will be provided. Lots of organic certified products available for purchase as well.

19. Sugar Moon Farm
Farm Type: Maple Syrup
Address: 221 Alex MacDonald Road, Earlton
County: Colchester
Directions to Farm: From Truro, take Hwy 311 towards Tatamagouche for 20km, sugar moon on left. From Tatamagouche, head down 311 towards Truro for 20km, sugar moon on right.

Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Activities: Hourly tours of the sugar camp to see how we make our wood-fired maple syrup and hear how we've created a small-farm business out here in Earlton! All day maple breakfast (menu on website) in our log dining room. Beautiful hiking trails, and a little maple shop. Sugar on snow will also be available for \$2 a stick, offered every hour starting at 10:30am.

20. Ebbett's Meadow Brook Farm
Farm Type: Livestock
Address: 8647 Hwy 311, Tatamagouche
County: Colchester

Directions to Farm: From Truro, take Hwy 311 north to Tatamagouche (45km). From R&G, take Hwy 311 south 6km.

Hours: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Activities: Hay wagon ride out over the rolling hills to visit with the cattle in the fields. BBQ and corn boil, tour the farm buildings and have an opportunity to visit with various farm animals including baby chicks. Retail farm market open.

21. Vista Bella Farm
Farm Type: Orchard, Apiary and u-Pick
Address: 2913 Malagash Road
County: Cumberland

Directions to Farm: From Tatamagouche, take route 6 for 10km, turn right onto Malagash road (beside car lot) continue for 2km, at the

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