

Celebrating Ontario Agriculture Week with October 3 event in Union Station
Farmers to visit Union Station to thank Ontario consumers

(Toronto) – October 2, 2018 – In celebration of Ontario Agriculture Week, Ontario’s farmers will be in the Go York Concourse of Union Station on Wednesday, October 3, meeting with Ontario consumers, thanking commuters for buying local and supporting farm families and handing out recipes and Ontario products.

Wednesday’s event is a collaboration between many Ontario farm organizations and is the first time farmers have ever held an event in Union Station. Farmers will be in attendance from 7 to 8:30 a.m. greeting commuters as they arrive into work and again from 4 to 5:30 p.m. as commuters head home. They’ll be answering questions about their farms and handing out recipes and local food snacks.

Media are invited to attend the event and interview local farmers who are participating. Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Ernie Hardeman and Randy Pettapiece, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs will also be in attendance in the morning.

Ontario is a province overflowing with nutritious and delicious food. For 20 years, Ontario has celebrated Ontario Agriculture Week which recognizes the province’s 37,000 farm families and the work that they do to produce more than 125 different types of products. From the farmers’ market or your grocery cart to the dinner table, Ontarians can enjoy the province’s bounty of Ontario dairy, grains, eggs, flowers, meats, fruits and vegetables all year long.

“Farmers in Ontario feel it’s a great honour and privilege to feed our country. Ontario Agriculture Week is our chance to say thank you for buying our food,” says Christine Schoonderwoerd, chair of Farm & Food Care Ontario. “By supporting local food, you support farmers, the environment and stronger communities.”

Event Details:

Media are welcome to attend the event and interview Ontario farmers. There will be farmers representing a diverse variety of commodities grown in this province.

Date: October 3, 2018; 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Go York Concourse, Union Station

Social media: The event will be covered on social media using the hashtags #loveONTfood and #ONCommonGround

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