





Partnership of Farm & Food Care, AgScape and 4-H Ontario Celebrating all things food & farming during Ontario Agriculture Week

September 30, 2021 (Guelph) - Ontario Agriculture Week, October 4 to 10) is dedicated to celebrating the abundance of food our farmers produce, the hard-working people this industry employs, the rural communities we support and the economic engine we fuel.

Collectively, Farm & Food Care, AgScape and 4-H Ontario are dedicated to furthering the appreciation of food and farming agriculture in Ontario. Together, they have collaborated to equip Ontario educators, parents, and youth with the tools to foster food literacy in the classroom, in the community, and at home.

Activities and resources available this Ontario Agriculture Week include:

- Virtual Food and Farm Field Trips: October 6th and 8th Streamed live on YouTube and Facebook, youth will be guided through all aspects of both apple and egg farming. Farmers will answer questions live and give a behind-the-scenes look into modern agriculture.
- Teacher Resource Packages for Grades K-12: Elementary and Secondary teachers can order special resource
 packages developed specifically for 2021 Ontario Agriculture Week complete with curriculum-linked lesson
 plans and materials appropriate for your grade.
- **Teacher Ambassador Program**: Educators can invite an AgScape Teacher Ambassador into their class to deliver a virtual lesson on a range of topics related to agriculture and food. Food Literacy. This program is offered to grades 7-12.
- Scavenger Hunt Activity: Start your fun off with the Ontario Agriculture Week Scavenger Hunt! Register to receive your sheet and start hunting. To submit your pictures/ finds, scroll down below the Registration page to find the photo submission form. By submitting your pictures, you have the chances of winning swag from AgScape, Farm & Food Care Ontario and 4-H Ontario!

The Ontario agriculture and food sector is so much more than just the economic activity and jobs it produces- the abundance of food we enjoy and share with the world is the result of the skill, hard work and dedication of Ontario's farming communities and farm families.

We think it is integral to encourage the next generation of Food-literate citizens, who recognize and acknowledge this ongoing contribution by Ontario farmers to our quality of life.

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About AgScape

<u>AgScape</u> is a charitable organization providing objective, fact-based and curriculum-linked resources to Ontario schools on agriculture, food production, environmental sustainability, and related topics. AgScape was created in 1991 with the mission to empower Ontario students with impartial and accurate information to increase awareness of the agri-food system and ignite interest in related careers. For more information, visit <u>www.agscape.ca</u>

About Farm & Food Care Ontario

Farm & Food Care Ontario cultivates appreciation for food and farming by connecting farm gates to our dinner plates. Farm & Food Care brings farmers, agricultural professionals, related businesses and other groups together with a mandate to provide credible information on food and farming in Ontario. www.FarmFoodCareON.org

About 4-H Ontario

For more than 100 years, 4-H Ontario has given youth life-long leadership skills and hand-on learning on topics such as technology and science, livestock and agriculture, financial management, food preparation and nutrition and career development in all industries. www.4-hontario.ca