

# CANADA AGRICULTURE *Museum*



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# EXHIBITIONS

## Tractors

Follow the 100-year-old story of the farm tractor, from unfamiliar oddity to common-place tool on the Canadian farm.

Walk among ten tractors from the Museum's collection to see how they have become safer, more powerful, more versatile and more comfortable.

Feel the difference between riding on the steel wheels of old and today's rubber tires.

Learn how tractors contribute to the feeding and clothing of Canadians.



## The Farm: Plugged-In

**New!** Discover the impact electricity had on farmers' routine household chores, from the turn of the last century to today, in this exhibition tracing the period of rural electrification in Canada. You can even see the Beck Circus, a travelling exhibit from the early 1900s that showed the wonders electricity brought to farms.

The exhibitions **The Farm: Plugged-In** and **Tractors** are presented in the loft of the Dairy Barn from March 1 to October 31, 2006.

## Food for Health Opening March 1, 2007

**New!** This innovative exhibition on the vital importance of food and food safety in our everyday lives will remain at the Canada Agriculture Museum until October 31, 2007, when it will travel to other museums across Canada.

Presented nationally by



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Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada



Health Canada / Santé Canada

## Animal Barns

Our Animal Barns are busy year round with daily cow milking and other farm chores. We tend our over 200 farm animals such as calves, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits, our big Hereford bull, as well as heritage breeds. Chickens, ducks and turkeys are on display from early June to mid-October. Tour the Animal Barns on your own, or take a **guided tour**, year round. Tours must be arranged in advance by calling **613 991-3053**.





# ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

From March through October, informative and hands-on **daily demonstrations** by our Museum Interpreters bring agricultural knowledge, our exhibitions, and artifacts to life.

**Birthday Parties\*** for children can be booked year round. For ages 3 to 12, parties include a personalized tour of the barns, making and eating ice cream, a game and a craft.

**Summer Day Camps\*** offer children ages 4 to 14 a unique and enriching experience in our demonstration farm setting. Telephone registration opens February 20, 2006.

**Guided Tours\*** of our Animal Barns are available year round and must be arranged in advance.

**School Programs\*** extend and enrich the classroom experience in a stimulating education environment.

**Special Invitation to Seniors** – every Tuesday during the months of March through October, seniors (60+) are admitted free.

Horse-drawn **Tally-Ho Wagon Rides** will take you back to the time when horses were the main locomotive power. Rides are offered on a varying schedule until the end of October, weather permitting. Call **613 991-3044** or visit **agriculture.technomuses.ca** for a schedule.

For **Scouts Canada** and **Girl Guides of Canada**, the Museum's fascinating animal barns, large outdoor spaces, central Ottawa location and free parking make an ideal destination for group activities. Call **613 991-3053** to discuss possible programs.

\*Registration: 613 991-3053

# CALENDAR

Information: 613 991-3044

## Barnyard Break

**March 1 to 5 and March 11 to 19**

Barnyard Break brings the Museum alive! Our friendly staff demonstrates how animals, plants and science come together to make our way of life possible.

## Easter

**April 14 to 17**

Celebrate spring this weekend! See rabbits, newborn lambs and newly-hatched chicks. Don't miss the Easter egg hunt!

## Mother's Day

**May 14**

Join us for Mother's Day. Learn about "farm mothers"—the animals that work year round to produce many of the foods on which we depend such as milk, eggs and meat. All mothers enter **free** today.

## Sheep Shearing

**May 20 to 22 (Victoria Day Weekend)**

It's time for our sheep to be shorn. Highlights include shearing demonstrations, Border Collie dogs at work, spinning and weaving, felt-making, alpacas on display, and much more.

## Father's Day

**June 18**

Bring dad, or granddad, to the **Tractors** exhibition to see how these essential farm machines have changed over the years. All fathers enter **free** today.

## Summer Activities

**Daily in July and August**

Take in fun and informative demonstrations all summer long. Varied activities include learning about our farm animals and demonstrations such as cow care, ice-cream making, and much more.



**Free!** **Canada Day Weekend featuring the Canadian Horse**

**July 1 and 2**

Spacious outdoor grounds, engaging indoor exhibitions and free parking—the Canada Agriculture Museum offers families a pleasant alternative to crowds and traffic. Drop by for a fun-filled day of games, activities and ice-cream making in addition to Canadian Horses showing off their abilities in demonstrations provided by the Upper Canada District (Ontario) Canadian Horse Breeders. The Museum is centrally located, easy to reach on bicycle, and on **July 1 and 2** admission is **free!**

**Harvest Weekends in October**

In addition to daily demonstrations, the Museum presents special weekend activities centred around Canada's bountiful harvest on September 30–October 1, October 7–9 (Thanksgiving), October 14–15 and October 21–22.

**Members Hallowe'en Party**

**October 28**

The Museum invites Members to bring their children to the annual Members Hallowe'en Party. Pre-registration will be required by telephone at **613 991-0607**. The Museum is open to the general public and offers regular daily programming.

**A Barnyard Hallowe'en**

**October 29**

Boo! It's our annual Hallowe'en Party. Decorate pumpkins, have a trick-or-treat scavenger hunt in the barns, play games, and show off your costume in a Museum parade. Daily demonstrations are also on the schedule.

**Cold Weather Changes**

**November 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007**

Animal Barns are open daily free of charge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed December 25). No daily demonstrations and exhibitions until March 1, 2007.

**March 1, 2007**

**Food for Health** opens and new daily programming starts.

# ABOUT THE MUSEUM

**National Historic Site**

The Canada Agriculture Museum is located on the Central Experimental Farm, a 425-hectare crop research farm that has been designated a National Historic Site. The Museum's Dairy Barn, which also houses the exhibitions, was built in 1914. More history on the Canada Agriculture Museum and the Central Experimental Farm may be found on our website.

**Picnic at the Museum**

The Canada Agriculture Museum has plenty of outdoor spaces—on the grass or at picnic tables—for picnicking or resting.

**Souvenirs**

A selection of Museum and farm-related souvenirs is available at the Admission booth, or online on our website.

**Membership**

Benefits include special Members-only activities and events such as a photography contest and a Hallowe'en Party. Also, members enjoy unlimited free admission to our Museum as well as to the Canada Science and Technology Museum, the Canada Aviation Museum and to more than 250 other museums and science centres around the world. For more information please call **613 991-0607**.

**Donations**

Donations to the Canada Agriculture Museum can take many forms. For example, contributions to help purchase farm animals or to fund children's program fees as needed for them to visit the Museum, or donations of artifacts and photographs for our collection and archives. Please call **1-800-288-0471** or e-mail **contribution@technomuses.ca**.

**Calling all Volunteers!**

You have a talent we could use! If you like the outdoors, agricultural heritage or helping children with crafts, please volunteer by calling us at **613 991-6091**.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## How to Reach Us

Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa, Ontario  
(entrance is north of Baseline Road and  
south of the traffic circle on Prince of Wales Drive)

**Parking is free.**

General information: 613 991-3044 or toll free  
1-866-442-4416

TTY: 613 991-9207

School and children's programs: 613 991-3053

Guided tours: 613 991-3053

Media: 613 996-7812

Website: [agriculture.technomuses.ca](http://agriculture.technomuses.ca)

## Hours

**Exhibitions:** March 1 to October 31, daily 9 a.m.  
to 5 p.m. Closed November 1 to February 28.

**Animal Barns:** Daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed December 25. Admission is free to the  
Animal Barns November 1 to February 28.

## Admission

Adults: \$6

Students and Seniors (60+): \$5. Seniors free on Tuesdays.

Children (3–14): \$3

Children under 3: free

Families (2 adults and 3 children): \$13

Families with additional children: Family price plus \$2  
per additional child

Families with additional adults: Family price plus \$3  
per additional adult

Members: unlimited free admission and many more benefits!

Groups of 20 or more: please call **613 991-3053** for rates

*Fees subject to change without notice.*

