



Fact Sheet

FACTS AND FIGURES OF THE ROYAL

One potato, two potato, three potato, four –

When it comes to counting things at The Royal, you better make sure to bring a calculator. From horses to cows, pumpkins to apples and students to bidding cattlemen, The Royal has a lot of figures to report. Below are a few numerical nuggets related to The Royal.

- The Royal began in 1922 – and has run for ten days every November for the past **87 years**.
- The Agriculture Show at The Royal is the **largest** in Canada.
- The Royal now occupies over **one million** square feet of space with educational, commercial, agricultural and animal areas.
- The Royal is home to over **5,000** animals – and all of those animals are female! Competitions for male animals do take place, however the males don't stick around for the exhibition. They are only brought in for the actual competition and then taken off the premises. Most male farm animals tend to have a stronger odor than females, and are much more aggressive than their female counterparts making them not the most hospitable guests.
- Thousands of animals call The Royal their home during the 10-day event. Last year, **1,300** horses, **2,122** cattle, **847** birds, **634** sheep and goats, and **505** rabbits and cavies were present.
- Last year over **4,250** international guests attended The Royal, representing **65** different countries.
- Over **500** schools brought **26,000** students to The Royal in 2008 to visit **18** education centres and **14** agriculture awareness centres to compliment the Ontario curriculum.
- Each year, The Royal hosts an International Business Center with over **2,000** International Guests accessing it last year.
- Last year, a rutabaga weighing in at **77.8 lbs** broke the Guinness World Record.
- Over **10,000** giant vegetable seeds were made available to a new generation of Giant Vegetable Growers at the 2008 Royal. Visit the Giant Vegetable Competition this year, to see contenders for the prized red ribbon.
- **10 acres** worth of carrots were given away at The Royal last year.

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