



## Fact Sheet

# THE ROYAL AGRICULTURE SHOW

The Royal Agriculture Show brings together the cream of the crop of the agricultural sector, and is the largest show of its kind in the world. The Royal provides world-class competitions for farmers of all ages. It provides farmers with the opportunity to compare, compete, and showcase their products to prospective buyers from around the world. From the best butter to the perfect pumpkin – The Royal brings out fierce competitors from coast-to-coast.



**Animals Galore.** From heifers to cavies, goats to chickens - The Royal becomes home to more than 5,000 animals for ten special days in November. These animals are cleaned, clipped and styled to perfection, as their owners get ready to bring them into the ring to strut their stuff for the prized red ribbon. Visitors can learn about different animals from interactive displays and have a chance to speak with farmers who can answer all of their agriculture related questions.

**The Ultimate Apple.** Celebrate one of the most popular fruits of fall with The Royal Apple Competition presented by the Ontario Apple Growers. Heritage, commercial and new apple varieties will be judged and on display for all to see.

**I can't believe it IS butter!** From butter making to butter sculpting, The Royal's butter competition celebrates butter churners galore as they compete for the title of Canada's Best Butter. Also check out Ontario art students transforming mounds of butter into artistic creations onsite and displayed throughout The Royal.

**Giant Vegetables.** A truly awe-inspiring sight, this competition involves 800-pound pumpkins taking over a corner of The Royal, while other record-breaking vegetables vie for space to show off their impressive sizes. Nowhere else will you see a variety of giant vegetables gathered in one location - this is a competition not to be missed!

**The Royal Wine Competition.** The Royal Wine Competition is back and better than ever as Ontario vintners bring their best to impress Consumer and Sommelier Panels with over 100 participants in 2009. The Royal Wine Tasting Bar and Royal Restaurants will allow visitors to taste award-winning local wines and chat with winemakers on site to learn more about the growing wine industry.

**Cheese, Please.** The Royal's Cheese competition attracts cheese makers from around the country entering their finest dairy, goat and sheep cheeses for judging. **The perfect combination:** Relax and enjoy a nibble of delicious cheese, while sipping on winning wines from The Royal's Wine Competition in the Wine Bar.