



Fact Sheet

EDUCATION AT THE ROYAL

AGRICULTURE 101

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair's Education Features allow students and adults alike to learn their ABCs all over again – apples, bees, and cows, that is!

The Education Features are a part of The Royal tradition, and are full of interactive activities we like to call edu-tainment. The sky's the limit, as school children learn everything about beekeeping and honey, to dairy cattle, maple syrup, and field crops.

As over 25,000 students visit each year, The Royal continues to be a popular group excursion for students of all ages – from cities and rural areas throughout the province. For many city kids, this is the first chance to see agriculture up close. School children who think milk comes from the grocery store are exposed to the behind-the-scenes development of milk by seeing that it in fact comes from a cow!

With 23 Education Centres and 10 Agricultural Awareness Centres located throughout The Royal, each education centre provides distinctly different activities to educate the public about agricultural practices and products. More importantly, The Royal provides resources and learning tools to schools, for teachers to introduce agricultural components in their classrooms. Curriculum-based activity sheets are provided to teachers in advance for in-class Royal related activities before, during and after the Fair.

DAIRY CATTLE MILKING DEMONSTRATION

Students and visitors alike will learn about the various milking equipment used on a dairy farm today. Modern technology allows for automated milking that is done three times per day at The Royal. Watch and feel like you're on a real dairy farm!

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DAIRY GOAT MILKING DEMONSTRATION

It is just like milking a cow...only the equipment is smaller and they have two teats instead of four! Compare and contrast between the two milking demonstrations. Much of the same procedures are used in both productions. A commentator will be at ringside to introduce you to the goats and explain all about the increased goat milk production that leads to cheese, ice-cream and of course goat milk!

SHEEP SHEARING

No need to explain this demonstration...it is a real crowd pleaser. Students will be able to watch as professional sheep shearers explain step by step how to clip these woolly creatures.

LEARN WHICH CAME FIRST, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG

Visit the Chick-Mobile to see a scaled down version of a chicken barn. At this centre visitors will learn everything about chicken farm production practices, the nutritional content of chicken, and safe food handling.

For more information on The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair visit www.royalfair.org

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