

# THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR OPEN 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM SAMPLE ITINERARIES

These sample itineraries provide a guide to help you plan a fun and educational visit. With many more activities available and different shows or timings depending on the day, feel free to explore at your own pace and add your own ideas.

Let your students' curiosity lead the way!

# PRIMARY GRADES (PRE K-3)

**9:30 AM: Arrival and Check-In at School Groups Entrance** Welcome to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair! Get ready for a day of fun and learning!

# 10:00 AM: Animal Theatre-SuperDogs Show

Enjoy the amazing tricks of the Global Pet Foods SuperDogs®! Be sure to arrive early for the best seats.

## 10:30 AM: Petting Farm

Get up close with friendly farm animals! Kids can pet and interact with animals like goats, bunnies, and sheep.

### 10:45 AM: Magic Show

Be amazed by a magical performance that will entertain and delight young audiences!

### 11:00 AM: Sheep Shearing Demonstration

Learn how sheep are sheared and discover the importance of wool in farming.

# 11:30 AM: Dairy Education Centre Discovery Experience

Find out where milk comes from, how cows are milked, and the role dairy plays in our everyday lives.

# 12:00 PM: Lunch (Indoor picnic tables near School Groups Entrance)

Take a break and enjoy lunch at the indoor picnic area.

### 12:30 PM: 'Farm to Table' Discovery Zone

Explore over 14 Education Centres that tell the story of how food gets from farms to your table. Meet livestock experts, try out egg challenges, and check out the giant vegetable displays!

# 1:00 PM: Animal Theatre-Horse Demonstrations or Farm & Play Zone

Choose between watching graceful horses in action or heading to the Farm & Play Zone for hands-on fun, where children can run, jump, and play while learning about animals.

### 2:15 PM: Departure

Time to head back with lots of memories and new things learned about animals and farming!

# **JUNIOR GRADES (4-6)**

**9:30 AM: Arrival and Check-In at School Groups Entrance** Welcome to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair! Get ready for a day of fun and learning.

## 10:00 AM: Free Horse Show

Witness the beauty and power of horses in action! This exciting show highlights a variety of horse breeds performing impressive feats. From jumping to dressage, you'll get an up-close look at the skills and training of these magnificent animals.

## 11:00 AM: 'Farm to Table' Discovery Zone

Explore over 14 Education Centres to discover the story of how food gets from the farm to your table. Meet livestock experts, explore virtual reality farms, and be amazed by butter sculptures and giant vegetable displays!

### 12:00 PM: Petting Farm

Get up close with friendly farm animals. Take time to interact with goats, sheep, and other animals, perfect for curious minds.

# 12:30 PM: Lunch (Indoor picnic tables near School Groups Entrance)

Enjoy lunch in the designated picnic area. Take a break and recharge before the afternoon activities.

### 1:00 PM: Dairy Education Centre Automated Milking Demonstration

Immerse yourself in the world of dairy farming! Visit the freestall cow enclosure with live cows and learn about milking in a stateof-the-art milkhouse. Watch educator-led demonstrations on how milk is produced.

### 1:30 PM: Goats, Lamb, or Sheep Show

Choose to attend one of the animal shows happening throughout the day. From goats to lambs and sheep, these shows offer a unique insight into the world of livestock farming

### 2:00 PM: Animal Theatre - SuperDogs® Show

End the day with the famous Global Pet Foods SuperDogs®! Watch as these talented dogs perform jaw-dropping tricks and stunts. A fun and exciting way to close your visit!

### 2:30 PM: Departure

Head home with new knowledge and memories from a day at the Fair!

# **INTERMEDIATE GRADES (7-10)**

**9:30 AM: Arrival and Check-In at School Groups Entrance** Welcome to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair! Prepare for an exciting day full of interactive learning and discovery.

# 9:45 AM: 'Farm to Table' Discovery Zone – Language, Geography, and Career Exploration Activities

Explore 14 Education Centres that tell the story of food production. Learn about career opportunities in agriculture, meet livestock experts, explore virtual reality farms, and marvel at the impressive butter sculptures and giant vegetable displays.

# 11:00 AM: Lunch n' Learn at the Interactive Growth Hub

Enjoy your lunch while joining this dynamic session hosted by RBC Future Launch and The Royal. Explore next steps in education and careers within the Agri-Food space and beyond. Listen to engaging keynote speakers, participate in panel discussions, and access professional development tools and workshops to prepare for future career opportunities.

## 11:30 AM: Petting Farm

Take a break from your educational sessions and spend time interacting with friendly farm animals like goats, sheep, and more.

# 12:00 PM: Animal Theatre – SuperDogs® Show

Enjoy the high-energy SuperDogs® Show where talented dogs perform incredible tricks and stunts.

### 12:30 PM: Agriculture & Food Workshop

Delve deeper into the world of agriculture through a hands-on workshop. Explore food production processes, sustainable farming, and how agriculture plays a vital role in our daily lives.

### 1:00 PM: 'Spirit of the Horse' Show

Celebrate the unique relationship between humans and horses in this captivating show. Watch as various horse breeds perform exciting demonstrations, showcasing their agility, strength, and training, while learning about the important role horses play in agriculture and history.

# 1:30 PM: Butter Sculpting Challenge or Dairy Education Centre

Participate in a fun and creative butter sculpting challenge, or take a tour of the Dairy Education Centre where you'll see live cows and learn about dairy farming through milking demonstrations and a tour of a custom-built milk house.

# 2:00 PM: Departure

End your day with new knowledge about agriculture and the opportunities within this growing industry.

# **SENIOR GRADES (11-12) & POST-SECONDARY**

9:15 AM: Arrival and Check-In at School Groups Entrance

Welcome to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair! Take control of your day with a flexible itinerary tailored for independent exploration.

### 9:30 AM: Visit the Champions Showcase

Start your day by exploring the Champions Showcase, where you can see the winning products from the 2024 food competitions, including butter tarts, jams, cheeses, ice cream, honey, pickles, and more. Get inspired by excellence in food!

## 9:45 AM: Ring of Excellence Livestock Show

Head to the Coliseum to watch some of the top agricultural shows, featuring breeds like Hereford, Angus, Holstein, and Jersey. Learn about the significance of these animals in farming while witnessing the competition.

### 10:30 AM: 'Farm to Table' Discovery Zone

Explore the journey of food from farms to your table. With 14 Education Centres, meet livestock experts, see butter sculptures, and immerse yourself in interactive experiences like virtual reality farms.

# Flexible Lunch Option (11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, or 1:00 PM): Lunch n' Learn at the Growth Hub Stage

Enjoy your lunch while joining RBC Future Launch for an interactive session that supports your educational and career growth. Attend workshops, hear from keynote speakers, and take part in discussions about future career paths in agri-foods.

# 1:15 PM: Agriculture & Food Workshop

Deepen your knowledge of food, nutrition, social studies, or health in a hands-on workshop. Learn about sustainable agriculture and its impact on health and the environment.

### Explore Other Options:

- Horse Shows and SuperDogs® Shows (see schedule)
- Education Symposium: Your Future in Food

(11:00 AM and 12:00 PM, Wednesday & Thursday only) Join Ontario Agricultural College students from the University of Guelph as they share their educational and career pathways in the agri-food industry. Learn about opportunities from plant biology to food science, animal care to environmental policy.

Dairy Education Centre

Visit the state-of-the-art milkhouse and freestall cow enclosure. Watch live milking demonstrations and learn about the dairy industry through this immersive experience.

## Commercial Exhibitors

Explore booths featuring agriculture, food, and lifestyle products. Network with professionals in the industry and discover career and educational opportunities.

### 2:00 PM: Departure

Wrap up your day with plenty of insights into the agricultural world and new ideas for your future.