

Barbecue and farmers' market celebrate local food and growers

Ripe tomatoes still warm from the sun are one of August's pleasures and next week's Harvestin' the County lunch will celebrate both the flavours of the late summer harvest and the producers who cultivate them.

On Tuesday, Aug. 22nd, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Bloomfield's Main Street, a 100 per cent County barbeque and farmers' market will encourage people to develop a more meaningful relationship – not only with their food, but with the members of the community who produce it.

More than a dozen growers and agricultural organizations will be present at the lunch; selling fresh produce and other County-made goods, as well as setting up agriculture-themed interactive displays.

"We are looking forward to the opportunity to take part in Harvestin' the County," says Beth Vader, of Mill Creek Farms. "The event will allow us to share with others a short history of our farming experiences, some of our local produce and, for a little fun, we will be offering pop corn from a giant kettle, coated with Vader's maple sugar."

The delicious lunch features 100 per cent County beef from Baitley Farms butchered by Aman's Abattoir; potato salad featuring Honey Wagon Farms potatoes; fresh County corn from Lakeshore Farms Market; heirloom tomato platters served with basil from Vicki's Veggies; cheese trays featuring a selection of cheeses from Black River Cheese; fresh baked rolls from Picton IGA; non-alcoholic sweet sparkling cider from the County Cider Company; bottled water from Pure County Bottled Water; and penny cones of ice cream from Slickers County Ice Cream.

Tickets are limited. Those who are interested are encouraged to purchase now. Tickets are \$10 for children and \$15 for



adults. Buy tickets online at www.thecounty.ca/harvestin or at: Aman's Abattoir, Wellington; Books on the Bay, Picton; County Farm Centre, Picton; Fromage Black River Cheese, Slickers County Ice Cream, Bloomfield Taste the County, Bloomfield.

Harvestin' the County is an agricultural awareness campaign designed to show support for the local farming community by encouraging County residents to include as much locally grown food in their weekly diet as possible. Harvestin' the County is an economic development initiative implemented in partnership with Taste the County.