

Harvestin' the taste of Prince Edward County

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You couldn't beat the weather and you couldn't beat the food in Bloomfield on Tuesday.

A great crowd for the Harvestin' the County lunch shut down the main street of Bloomfield for what was a truly enjoyable affair that left Taste the County executive director Rebecca Leheup-Bucknell pleased.

"We served over 360 people and that's what we planned for, so that's awesome," Leheup-Bucknell said Wednesday.

The Harvestin' campaign is a joint venture between the Economic Development office and TTC where County Residents are encouraged to buy local whenever possible, whether it be the local vegetable stand or Picton IGA over the month of August.

The delicious lunch featured beef from Baitley Farms butchered by Aman's Abattoir and prepared by Harley Guernsey served with potato salad featuring Honey Wagon Farms potatoes, fresh sweet corn from Lakeshore, 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 and bottled water from Pure County Bottled Water, all finished off with a penny cone of ice cream from Slickers County Ice Cream.

Suzanne Pasternak of Celebrations Catering prepared the corn, potatoes and cheese trays.

For good measure, the Prince Edward County Milk Committee was on hand to dispense ice cold cartons of chocolate and white milk provided by the Dairy Producers of Prince Edward.

In addition to the milk committee, a number of agriculture and food-related businesses set up displays and stands along the main street.

"It was all positive," said Leheup-Bucknell.

"The food was great and there were wonderful comments concerning it and a lot of people mentioned it was great to have some of the producers there that are from different parts of the county that they might not have known about and it was great exposure."



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It's A Family Affair – Mill Creek Farms on County Road 11 in Athol ward was one of many farms or food related businesses set up at the Harvestin' The County lunch on Tuesday. Seen here are (L-R) Beth, Nathan, Neil, Barb and Gavin Vader.