

Commemorative cookbook being sold to raise money for International Plowing Match & Rural Expo

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Those looking for farm-to-table recipes can find them in a new cookbook out now.

Ahead of this year's International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM), a commemorative cookbook is being sold to raise funds.

The cookbook is called "From our Farm to Your Table" and features a carefully-curated selection of appetizers, salads, main dishes and more contributed by community members, farmers, and IPM volunteers and supporters. Each recipe proudly lists its contributor's name.

The IPM is one of the largest agricultural events of its kind in Canada and draws thousands of visitors each year to celebrate farming, rural living and innovation. It's hosted in a different community each year and this year it will be held in Niagara Region.

The IPM features plowing competitions, vendors, educational exhibits, entertainment and more.

Organizing the IPM comes at a significant cost so each year local and provincial organizers fundraise to offset these costs. Community cookbooks have been a popular part of fundraising efforts and have become a time-honoured tradition.

The cookbook costs \$20 and can be purchased at the following locations: Devries Fruit Farm, 825 Canboro Road, Fenwick; Lowden's Feed Supplies, 7269 RR #20, Smithville (cash only); and Lincoln Line Orchards, 9764 RR #20, Smithville.

Proceeds from sales of the cookbook will go directly to supporting IPM 2025. For more information on the event and fundraising efforts, interested parties can visit www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2025.