

Dairy Farmers mark Open Farms Days

In celebration of Dairy Farmers of Ontario's (DFO) 50th anniversary, a Caledon farm is among 15 operations across the province that will participate in Open Farms Day, a unique opportunity for the public to learn about Ontario's agricultural industry.

It's the Mount Kolb Farm in Caledon at 15915 Mount Hope Rd., which will be open June 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Open Farms Day will see the 15 farms open their doors to the public, providing fun and engaging ways to learn about life on a farm.

"Ontario dairy farmers are proud to produce high-quality reliable milk for Canadians," said Dairy Farmers of Ontario Board Chair Ralph Dietrich, a dairy farmer from Mildmay. "We are thrilled to welcome visitors to our farms to understand the first step in the journey from farm to table."

Most of the 15 events across the province will be held June 27. Each farm will have its own events, including farm tours, food sampling, kids' activities and much more.

"This event is so important because it truly highlights local foods and the importance of Ontario farm families," Dietrich said.

"Perhaps most important, it brings people together for fun, education and delicious Ontario dairy products."

"Any opportunity that raises public awareness of the significant contribution that the agriculture sector makes to the economy and to rural communities is something that we place as a priority," said Laural Adams, communications manager for Dairy Farmers of Ontario. "Open Farms Day achieves just that."

For more information on the other participating farms, planned activities and their locations, visit www.milk.org