



LANARK COUNTY  
**Harvest Festival**  
*Get Fresh with a Local Farmer!*

## Celebrate Lanark County's bounty at Harvest Festival

Want to get fresh with a local farmer? The sixth annual Lanark County Harvest Festival will give everyone a chance to do just that!

This outdoor event, slated for Sunday, Sept. 8 at Beckwith Park (1319, 9<sup>th</sup> Line, Beckwith), will celebrate the county's bounty of the harvest featuring local producers, food seminars, cooking demonstrations, children's activities, local musicians, historical displays and more. This year, we feature our partnering Town of Carleton Place by showcasing its people, products and projects in celebration of its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"The Lanark County Harvest Festival is an opportunity for people to meet our local farmers and purchase local food and other locally made products. The county has a unique blend of producers, passions and food" notes Warden Richard Kidd, Beckwith Reeve.

The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is a collaboration of several local groups, including Lanark County Farmers' Markets, the Lanark County Agricultural Advisory Working Group, the Township of Beckwith, and Lanark County.

In 2019, the collaboration among Beckwith Churches will continue to deliver the popular "Harvest Church Supper" of traditional stew (not to mention pie of all kinds). Some of the participants are growing the ingredients, and others are sourcing local ingredients. It is "stew good to miss." Tickets are \$12 and will be sold in advance (online at [Ticketsplease.ca](http://Ticketsplease.ca)) or at the door for the supper, taking place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the main arena building following the Harvest Festival.

The program includes cooking demonstrations featuring local chef Joan Smith of Balderson who will create an impromptu dish cooking with local ingredients available from festival vendors. Cathy Reside of The Good Food Tour will be presenting her insights on how visitors learn about our culture through our cuisine.

The renowned "Bowes Brothers" are returning as the musical entertainment; and children's activities (weather permitting) such as a petting zoo and a giant air bounce can be expected. "The event provides a perfect opportunity for local producers to connect with visitors and residents," adds Marie White, Lanark County tourism manager. "The benefits of local food are becoming ever more popular. This festival is a good time to celebrate by sharing food, stories and laughter."

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“Beckwith Township is pleased to be the host municipality for the Lanark County Harvest Festival,” says Warden Richard Kidd, Beckwith Reeve. “Our staff has been working very hard with partners to ensure the event is a huge success. It is a tribute to our agricultural past and future.”

This annual event supports local businesses, farmers’ markets, and the development of new business networks for the county’s agricultural producers. “We hope to continue to create employment, build on the customer base for our farmers and encourage lots of visitors to come to Lanark County,” states festival founder Bill Dobson, Montague Reeve.

There are still spaces for vendors. To register, contact [bectp@twp.beckwith.on.ca](mailto:bectp@twp.beckwith.on.ca). For farmer profiles, follow our Facebook/Lanark County page. For general information, visit [www.harvestfestival.ca](http://www.harvestfestival.ca), or call 1-888-4-LANARK.

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