



## **Celebrate farming with LEAF Open Farm Sunday 2021**

**This June, farmers across the country will once again open their gates for a national celebration of farming and all it delivers.**

**Please note the new date for 2021 is 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**LEAF Open Farm Sunday returns on 27<sup>th</sup> June, for the fifteenth annual celebration of British farming.** This is the day each year when hundreds of farmers open their gates to offer the public a fantastic and informative day out. Visitors are able to discover at first-hand how farmers support our wellbeing – through their care of the environment, the sustainable production of our food and the management of the countryside.

LEAF Open Farm Sunday is a unique opportunity to meet our farmers, and to see and hear about what goes into producing sustainable, climate positive, nutritious food. The public can find out about how seasonal summer crops like potatoes, asparagus, raspberries, salad, vegetables and brassicas are grown, how farmers are managing resources like soil and water and learn how staples like meat and dairy produce get from field to plate. Farms of all types and sizes will be opening their gates, with a host of activities planned such as guided farm walks and nature trails, tractor and trailer rides, and displays of modern, high tech farm machinery.

As well as producing the food we eat, farmers are also the custodians of our countryside; from footpaths and hedgerows to woodland and meadows, it is the farmers we have to thank for maintaining Britain's wonderful landscape. Visitors to a LEAF Open Farm Sunday event will be able to learn more about this work, direct from the farmer themselves.

Annabel Shackleton, Manager for LEAF Open Farm Sunday said: "After such a challenging year, we hope that people will once again be able to visit a farm on the 27<sup>th</sup> June for LEAF Open Farm

Sunday. One lasting impact of the pandemic is people's increased interest in the provenance and sustainability of their food, as well as a growing concern around climate change. Farmers play a vital role in supporting the health and wellbeing of our society with the nutritious food they produce, the countryside they manage and the steps they take to enhance and protect the environment, through climate positive, regenerative farming. LEAF Open Farm Sunday provides a wonderful insight into all that farmers do. We are really looking forward to welcoming the public and sharing the amazing story that is British farming."

LEAF Open Farm Sunday takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - visit [www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org) nearer the date to find a list of farms taking part. To avoid overcrowding, this year visitors will be asked to book to attend events beforehand. If on-farm events cannot go ahead, LEAF will organise a day of virtual farm tours online. Please check the website for details and follow LEAF Open Farm Sunday on social media to keep up to date with what is happening on farms across Britain throughout the year.

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**Editor's notes:**

- LEAF Open Farm Sunday is managed by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) — the leading organisation delivering and promoting Climate Positive action, thriving, resilient and exemplar agro-ecological farming at an increasingly global level. Working with farmers, the food industry, scientists, environmentalists, teachers, young people and consumers we are looking at new ways to deliver productivity and prosperity among our farmers, enrich the environment and engage young people and society in a valuable and meaningful way. LEAF set up and has managed LEAF Open Farm Sunday since it began in 2006. (LEAF is a registered charity no: 1045781)
- LEAF Open Farm Sunday 2021 will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021. If there are tighter restrictions due to Covid, another digital day of virtual farm tours will be organised.
- Sponsors of LEAF Open Farm Sunday include: AHDB, Arla Foods, Asda, BASF, Co-op, Defra, Farmers Weekly, Frontier Agriculture, John Deere, Kellogg's, LEAF Marque, NFU, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Waitrose.

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