



Farmers get set to open their (virtual) farm gates!

On Sunday 20th September, farmers across the country are inviting people to join them on virtual tours of their farms for farming's annual open day – **LEAF Open Farm Sunday**, which is taking place online this year, due to **COVID-19**. The event is a chance for everyone to see behind the gates of a working farm and discover the story of British food from field to fork, as well as gaining an insight into how farmers are caring for the environment and its wildlife.



Farmers up and down the country will be taking to social media this September to give you an insight into the world of farming. You'll be able to see beyond the gates of all sorts of farms, go on virtual farm tours, get involved in loads of interactive farm related activities, get up close to nature and see some wonderful wildlife along the way!

Every farm taking part will be different, so each virtual farm tour will be unique set in its own beautiful landscape, with its own special stories to share about the crops they produce, the people involved and the wildlife and biodiversity on farms. It will be a fantastic opportunity to visit all corners of Britain in one day to see farms and the countryside which many people will not have visited before.

Annabel Shackleton, Manager for LEAF Open Farm Sunday, said: "Although people are not able to visit farms in the usual way this year for LEAF Open Farm Sunday, our online event will be an exciting opportunity to showcase farming at this important time of year when many farmers are harvesting crops, caring for their livestock and preparing for the winter months ahead, alongside many other aspects of farm life which the public may never get the chance to see.

We can't wait to welcome everyone onto farms this autumn both near and far! Join us online on the 20th September to celebrate all that British farming does for everyone – see you there!”

LEAF Online Farm Sunday takes place on the weekend of 20th September 2020. For more details - visit www.farmsunday.org

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Editor's notes:

LEAF Open Farm Sunday is managed by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming). LEAF is the leading organisation delivering more sustainable food and farming. It works with farmers, the food industry, scientists and consumers to inspire and enable sustainable farming that is prosperous, enriches the environment and engages local communities. LEAF set up and has managed Open Farm Sunday since it began in 2006. (LEAF is a registered charity no: 1045781)

- LEAF Open Farm Sunday was postponed from June to 20th September 2020, and will now take place online. Next year, face to face farm visits are being planned across Britain for LEAF Open Farm Sunday on 13th June 2021.
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