



LEAF Open Farm Sunday 2020

Farms across the country open their gates for national celebration of farming and all it delivers

Please note the new date for 2020 is 20th September

On Sunday 20th September, hundreds of farms are opening their gates across the country for farming's annual open day – LEAF Open Farm Sunday.

A chance for everyone to see behind the gates of a working farm and pay tribute to our farmers who keep us supplied with nutritious food. LEAF Open Farm Sunday celebrates all that British farmers do for us – from growing crops, to caring for the environment.



LEAF Open Farm Sunday is now in its 15th year and the organisers, LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) are calling on the public to visit a farm on the 20th September, to discover the world of farming and to say thank you to the farmers and their colleagues, for all that they do for us.

Each LEAF Open Farm Sunday event is different – from the type of farm, to the activities available. These can include guided farm walks and nature trails, displays of impressive high-tech machinery, sheep shearing and tractor and trailer rides. They all offer a chance to talk to farmers who are responsible for producing not just the food we eat but also many other crops we need for our everyday lives, including clothes, fuel and medicines.

Find out what farmers do to keep soil, plants and livestock healthy. Get up close to pollinators like bees and butterflies that farmers nurture, to ensure we have plentiful crops including fruit and vegetables.

Annabel Shackleton, Manager for LEAF Open Farm Sunday said: “This year’s LEAF Open Farm Sunday is first and foremost a celebration of UK farming and all it delivers. But this year, more than ever, it also provides a hugely powerful opportunity for us to say thank you. British farmers and the thousands of people who work on farms, have sustained us and our families over the recent crisis. They have brought us fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy produce and meat at times of extreme pressure. They enabled us to provide healthy nutritious meals for our loved ones and the most vulnerable in society. They have looked after our countryside, cared for and protected the wildlife that live there. Now we are out of lockdown and once again are able to get out and enjoy the fabulous British countryside, LEAF Open Farm Sunday is the perfect way to do this.”



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LEAF Open Farm Sunday takes place on 20th September 2020 - visit www.farmsunday.org to find a farm opening near you.

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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 offers a chance for all farmers to open their gates and welcome people onto their farms to discover the world of farming. Events can be as simple as a farm walk for a small group to fully fledged events for over 1000 people. LEAF offers advice and support for all types of event.
- LEAF Open Farm Sunday will take place on 20th September 2020. The following year it is on 13th June 2021

- Sponsors of LEAF Open Farm Sunday include: Arla Foods, Asda, BASF plc, Co-op, Defra, Farmers Weekly, Frontier Agriculture, John Deere, Kellogg's, LEAF Marque, Marks and Spencer, The National Farmers' Union, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Waitrose and the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board.

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