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Why's of Agriculture: When can I visit a farm?

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It's exciting that we live in an area with so much farming history around us. And it seems recently that folks are more interested than ever in learning more about the products that are grown locally and the producers that grow it. If you've ever wondered 'What happens on a farm?' or 'Can I visit a farm?', you're in luck!

For one weekend each summer local farms across Alberta open their gates and barn doors to the public. Open Farm Days, back this year on August 14 & 15, gives visitors a chance to interact with and experience farming first-hand.

Likewise, this is an opportunity for farmers and ranches of all commodity types to showcase what they do and how they do it. While COVID-19 safety measures such as social distancing and hand-sanitization will remain in place, participating farms have gotten creative to offer a variety of events and activities for adults and children alike to help with this including demonstrations, live music, tours and on-farm vendor fairs.

So this summer if you're looking to visit a farm, meet a producer and see what its all really about, check out albertaopenfarmdays.ca to see which farms will be participating and plan your trip!

Each month we'll dig into a new 'Why' or in this case 'When' of agriculture. If you have an agricultural question you'd like me to dig into let me know at adelaney@rdcounty.ca

