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Canada's Agriculture Day 2019

Charlottetown, PE, February 12, 2019 – Canada's Agriculture Day is about celebrating Canadian food and the people who produce it.

February 12, 2019 is Canada's third annual Agriculture Day, a day when people come together to celebrate food, farming, and agricultural businesses.

Santina Beaton, Farm & Food Care PEI Coordinator with the PEI Federation of Agriculture says, "Canada's Agriculture Day is a time to celebrate the individuals that work hard every day to provide us with safe, healthy and delicious food. People involved in agriculture are passionate and innovative; they value family, community, and sustainability and they dedicate their lives to producing safe and healthy food for Canadians and their own families. Celebrate Canada's Agriculture Day by understanding the importance of knowing where your food comes from, learning more about Canadian agriculture and food, and acknowledging the few that feeds the many."

There are approximately 193,000 farms in Canada, 1,353 of which are in PEI with 98% of those farms being family-owned. There are over 575,000 acres in agriculture production on PEI.

To celebrate Canada's Agriculture Day, Farm & Food Care is hosting a screening of the film "Before the Plate" at the Duffy Science Center at the University of Prince Edward Island from 7pm – 9pm. The film will follow food staples of the Canadian diet all the way from the farm to the harvesting and processing operations, and showcase the final product at Canoe, one of Toronto's most prestigious restaurants. The project will follow various types of agriculture, including both organic and conventional practices to answer some of the biggest questions related to farming in our society.

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