

Feast of Fields

Imagine an outdoor rendezvous where renowned chefs and organic farmers swap know-how and show off their respective skills, and you're invited to sample the fare. Imagine it all going down on a pastoral acreage in Wellington County, just an hour northwest of Toronto. Welcome to Feast of Fields, an annual event also known as epicurean nirvana for the gourmet palate.

Now in its 19th year, Feast of Fields is a gastronomical expo where diners sample a little of this and a little of that as they roam from booth to



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booth in a farm setting. It's a discerning crowd and chefs go all out, serving up bite-sized portions of new and innovative avant-garde dishes. The emphasis is on organic fare and locally produced food. The results are divine, but there's a bigger message here than simply indulging

in fabulous cuisine: "Feast of Fields is not just about great food and produce," muses Daniel

Gilbert, Feast chairman. "We're also raising awareness about sustainability and utilizing organic methods." Indeed, more than one feaster leaves the event with new insights into the organic movement.

This year, Feast of Fields will be staged at Everdale Farms, a working farm and environmental learning centre on 150 organic acres near Hillsburgh. It's an ideal venue to soak up the ambience and there will also be plenty of advocacy groups on hand to share their knowledge and pass on the good word. It's hard to think of a better avenue to get the idea across.

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Feasts Further Afield

Tickets for this year's event are \$100 each or \$90 each per group of 10. The date is September 7 at Everdale Farm near Guelph. Bonus: there are Feast of Fields events in other locales, namely Whistler (August 30, Rebagliati Park); Vancouver (September 7, UBC Farm); Ottawa (September 14, Vincent Massey Park); and Vancouver Island (September 21, location to be announced). Google "feast of fields" and you'll find related websites with more information.

