



April 2025

Dear educators,

Once in a while, a special event takes place in your area that is so well suited to students that you won't wish to miss it! The 2025 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo is that event!

This event travels around the province to a different location each year- and this year's location is in Niagara at 7402 Mud Street W. in Grassie. The last time the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo was held in the area was 99 years ago!!

We invite your class to join us September 16th to 19th, 2025 and experience real-life applications of the curriculum expectations they are learning. Comprised of agricultural education, heritage and modern plowing competitions, industry professionals and so much more, the IPM's curriculum links are endless. We've provided the attached Curriculum Connections Guide which outlines the expectations related to the IPM 2025; registered classrooms will also receive access to suggested activities, including pre- and post-visit worksheets. There are a limited number of spots each day Tuesday through Friday so get your preference in early.

What will you and your students see in the dedicated education area at the event? Tentative plans include:

- dairy cows and milking demonstrations
- sheep shearing demonstration
- representatives from the different commodity groups (grains and oilseeds, pork, egg, dairy, beef, fruit, vegetable, viticulture, honey, soils etc.) who will be able to chat with your students about what they do
- hands-on learning opportunities

This is a "can't miss" event! Registration:

- Registration and more information will be available soon and can be found at <https://www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2025/education/>
- Student fees are \$5 per student, teacher/support staff according to Ministry ratios are free
- Each additional adult over the Ministry guidelines will be \$20

Important details:

- Please arrange transportation/bussing for your class
- The grounds open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.
- There are portable washrooms on site as well as food to purchase should your class decide.
- Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing, as the ground may be uneven in spots and the weather unpredictable.

On behalf of the education team of the 2025 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo, I look forward to seeing you and your class at the Match!

Questions? Please email education@ipm2025.ca

Lorna Wilson, Education Chair