

## **Bringing Communities Together Through the Celebration of Local Food**

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Simcoe County has a rich agricultural heritage. The region is home to close knit communities that have historically been brought together through events and shared experiences that celebrate local food and culture. This is particularly true with the vast number of farmers markets that are available through the County. These markets welcome residents and those visitors to take part in immersing oneself in its rich history of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, Francophone and other early settlement communities, while encouraging experiences that highlight new customs, cultures, traditions and talents related to food and agriculture.

The Food Partners Alliance (FPA) works closely with partnered organizations in promoting the importance of local food within the County while celebrating its diverse populations coming together to build a strong community.

There is a broad spectrum of food and agricultural events and initiatives offered in Simcoe County. These experiences are uniquely celebrated and provide the opportunity for people to come together and enjoy the best of what our region has to offer.

Simcoe County Farm Fresh is a partnered organization that works with the FPA. They promote and advocate local food, production, process, distribution and consumption for the purpose of sustaining the local food system in Simcoe County. This summer they will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Savour Simcoe, showcasing offerings of locally produced food and drink created by talented chefs. The event will be taking place on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 12:00pm – 4:00pm at the Simcoe County Museum located at 1151 Highway 26, Minesing, Ontario. For more information about this event visit:

[www.simcoecountyfarmfresh.ca/savoursimcoe](http://www.simcoecountyfarmfresh.ca/savoursimcoe)

"We work with Multicultural Organizations throughout Simcoe County to celebrate our rich and diverse history of Agriculture that includes Huronia Historical Parks, Discovery Harbour, and the Simcoe County Museum to promote our local food supply and celebrate the partnerships within the community. Savour Simcoe is a great example of community building through the celebration of food and culture," said Crystal Stokes, Marketing Coordinator for Simcoe county Farm Fresh.

Savour Simcoe is just one example of the many events and celebrations occurring in Simcoe County this summer that promotes our tremendous local agri-food sector.

For more information on the Food Partners Alliance Visit [www.fpa.simcoe.ca](http://www.fpa.simcoe.ca).

For more information on Simcoe County Farm Fresh's Savour Simcoe Event visit [www.simcoecountyfarmfresh.ca/savoursimcoe](http://www.simcoecountyfarmfresh.ca/savoursimcoe).