



Livestock Food & Farm Festival

We attended this fabulous festival last weekend near Hastings, with a group of current and former TAG staff and volunteers. While the list of great speakers just goes on and on, the highlight for us was meeting Joel Salatin, outspoken grass-based farmer/author.

Joel has always been a great inspiration to us, and it was an honour to meet and chat with him in person. If any of you have seen our chicken coop on wheels, that's based on Joel's design!

The event was very well attended, and had lots of things to do and see. Billed as *"the voices of agriCULTURAL change"* speakers included heritage breeds farmer Montana Jones, raw milk activist Michael Schmidt and many others. It was interesting to hear so many of the speakers talk about the same kinds of pressures and doubts that we experience – and to know that we're not alone in our struggle to produce the best food possible.



For more information on the festival, go to <http://livestock.ca/>

The Farm Stand

Our on-site farm stand is open daily **8am to 8pm** and features farm fresh produce, frozen meats and a variety of preserves – all from our farm! This week, you'll find:

Sugar Snaps	Turnips	Salad Mixes
Sprouts	Basil	Garlic
Lamb Sausages	Pork Sausages	Ground Beef
Ground Pork	Blueberries	and more!

Beetles are Driving us BUGGY !!

Every year there seems to be a different pest that dominates our attention. This year we're trying to rescue our squashes, melons, zucchinis and cucumbers from the pesky **Striped Cucumber Beetle**.

We've tried a few different things to get rid of the little **BUG**-gers (pun intended!):

- spraying with a Diatomaceous Earth (DE), water and soap mixture (but the DE can kill earthworms so we ditched that method – and besides, it didn't work anyway)
- hand picking the beetles (but there's no future with that 'cause they see us coming and hide in the straw mulch; plus it's time consuming and gross!)
- spraying with a garlic and cayenne mixture (the verdict is still out on this method)

Today we are adding another trick to our arsenal. We'll try to confuse the beetles by filling yellow cups with soapy water and cloves and putting them close to the plant. The thought is that the smell of the cloves will attract them to the cup which they will think is a flower, and they'll drown in the liquid mixture!

If you have any tried & true methods for getting rid of pesky Striped Cucumber Beetles, please let us know!

Save the Date

Plan to join us on Tuesday July 26 at 6:00pm for the next in our series of Kitchen Table Talks, featuring **KOHLRABI** and **GARLIC**.

Learn about the health benefits of these great foods, and get ideas for serving them up for your family!



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UPDATE on Laying HENS

We were hoping to advise you that the hens had increased their egg production, but alas they continue to stand in support of their brothers and sisters at Canada Post. The Work-to-Rule (or in this case, Lay-to-Rule) tactic continues to mean we have very limited egg supply. Please bear with us as we attempt to negotiate a return to full production!