



FAT LES'S COMING TO 2014 FARM SHOW

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It'll be a clear case of Les is more at the 2014 Ottawa Valley Farm Show, March 11-13 at the EY Centre. Les Winters of Kemptville will be bringing his Fat Les's food wagon to the show and parking it in a prominent location. The trailer will be located outside the centre's south entrance.

Les is known for his fine fries, poutine, onion rings and perch rolls. Those items will all be available at the show, along with an egg and bacon-packed breakfast sandwich.

The arrangement has been made possible through the cooperation of Great Canadian Plates, the exclusive caterer at the EY Centre. The company has decided to try the idea put forward by OVFS management on a trial basis; under the agreement, Fat Les's can't offer items already on the GCP menu.

Ottawa Valley Seed Growers, who sponsor the show, felt something was needed to take the pressure off the two GCP inside concessions. At lunchtime, lineups can cause serious congestion in the aisles. One possible solution was to provide an outside dining option. "GCP deserves credit for trying this out," said Lynda McCuaig, chair of the show's Food Services Committee. "It's an experiment for everyone, including Les." McCuaig speculated that farm show visitors will be drawn to Les' bright orange wagon, a sight familiar to many of them at Ottawa valley rural fairs. She said Winters was selected for the trial because his services are well know to several OVSG directors, including herself.

Winters also has two permanent stands and operates the canteen at the North Grenville Community Centre. In business for about 10 years, he's looking forward to offering his menu selections at the farm show. The opportunity allows him to get his mobile wagon on the road earlier than usual and could lead to further involvement in EY Centre events.

McCuaig noted that GCP is also providing a third inside location this year, a take-away counter at the rear of the centre. In addition, it's supplying lemonade, ice cream and roasted nut stands. "In terms of on-site food available to farm show exhibitors and visitors, 2014 is shaping up like a banner year."

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