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**CRAIG MORGAN TO HEADLINE WEEKEND OF MUSIC AT BOB EVANS FARM FESTIVAL**

*Country star, variety of regional and nationally-known musical acts, performing Oct. 14-16*

**Rio Grande, Ohio (September 8, 2016)** – Bob Evans’ 46<sup>th</sup> Farm Festival is taking place Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16, 2016, at the Bob Evans Farm in Rio Grande, Ohio. The annual Festival is packed with musical entertainment for guests to enjoy all weekend long, including country music entertainer, military veteran and award-winning TV host, Craig Morgan, who will perform Saturday, October 15. Tickets for Morgan’s concert go on sale online Friday, September 9, 2016.

“We’re so excited to welcome one of country music’s most beloved artists, Craig Morgan, to headline our Farm Festival this year,” said John Fisher, president, Bob Evans Restaurants. “Craig Morgan not only puts on a great show and has a terrific base of loyal fans, but he also aligns with our company’s values of family, public service and community.”

Morgan served in the United States Army and Army Reserves for 17 years prior to becoming a music and television star. He’s an avid supporter of the United States Armed Forces and regularly pays tribute to those serving, and those who have served, during his on-stage performances.

“Bob Evans has always been a proud supporter of our country’s military personnel, and we recently reaffirmed that commitment with the ‘Our Farm Salutes’ program and the painting of our iconic barn at our Farm homestead to honor our military,” said Mike Townsley, president, BEF Foods. “Craig Morgan is a decorated veteran with a rich history of giving back to active-duty, reservists and veterans, and we’re honored to host him at this year’s Festival.”

Morgan released his most recent album, *A Whole Lot More To Me*, in June 2016, featuring his hit songs “I’ll Be Home Soon” and “When I’m Gone.” He also is known for his top country hits and fan favorites like “International Harvester,” “Bonfire,” “Redneck Yacht Club” and multi-week number-one song “That’s What I Love About Sunday.” Morgan will take the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, with doors opening at 6 p.m. The Rarely Herd will open for Morgan at 6:30 p.m. A fireworks show will follow Morgan’s performance at 9:30 p.m.

Concert attendees will need to purchase a ticket to the concert, in addition to a Farm Festival ticket. Online tickets sales for the concert begin on September 9 at 10 a.m., and will be sold for \$10 through September 18 online at <http://becs-craig-morgan.eventbrite.com/>. From September 19 to October 14, tickets can be purchased for \$15 online, at select Bob Evans restaurant locations, or at the Farm. Day of show tickets will be sold for \$20 at the Farm or in Bob Evans restaurants.

Craig Morgan fans also can enter to win free tickets in advance as part of the grand prize package of Bob Evans' "Born on a Farm Sweepstakes," now open through September 21. Participants have the chance to win gift cards daily, and one lucky winner will be awarded a trip for four to the Farm Festival, including tickets to the Craig Morgan concert, airfare, hotel accommodations, and \$500 for rental car and other expenses. The grand prize winner also will receive Bob Evans breakfast for a year. Visit the sweepstakes [website](#) for complete rules.

The weekend entertainment kicks off early Friday afternoon and runs through Sunday evening of Farm Festival weekend. Guests can enjoy a variety of performers during the Festival on the Homestead Stage, including Sugar Creek Bluegrass, The Rarely Herd, and Balsam Range, a bluegrass and acoustic music group that was named the 2015 Blue Grass Music Association Vocal Group of the Year.

For more information and for a full entertainment schedule, visit [www.bobevans.com/aboutus/the-farm/farmfestival](http://www.bobevans.com/aboutus/the-farm/farmfestival).

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