Harvest festivals are celebrations of food. They happen at different times of year and are celebrated in different ways.

**How Is Harvest Celebrated around the World?**

**Britain**
- They celebrate Harvest at the end of September.
- People sing, pray and sometimes go to church.
- Food is collected to give to people in need.

**Italy**
- There are olive harvests.
- A priest blesses the new oil.
- They have a feast.

**America and Canada**
- ‘Thanksgiving’ is celebrated.
- Families eat roast dinners.
- People think about when Pilgrims shared food with the Native Americans.

**West Africa**
- They have ‘The Festival of Yams’.
- It is usually celebrated in August.
- They share yams and dance.
**Thailand**
- There is a fruit harvest.
- They have competitions, art displays and floats made from fruits and vegetables.

**China**
- The ‘Harvest Moon Festival’ is celebrated.
- They enjoy picnics, bright lanterns, mooncakes and puppet shows with friends and family.
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