Harvest festivals are celebrations of food. They happen at different times of year around the world and are celebrated in different ways. They usually happen around the time that crops are harvested.

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

In Britain, Harvest Festival is usually at the end of September. People sing, pray, sometimes go to church and collect food to give to people in need. Some people in Scotland also celebrate ‘Lammas’ where they make bread and take it to church to eat. Italy has olive harvests, where a priest blesses the new oil and they have a feast.

‘Thanksgiving’ is celebrated in America and Canada during October or November, where families have a roast dinner and they think about when the Pilgrims shared food with the Native Americans. They harvest wine grapes in Argentina and enjoy parades and festivals with musicians, food, entertainers, dancers, Harvest Queens and fireworks.

In West Africa, they have ‘The Festival of Yams’ which is usually in August. At this time, they share yams (a type of vegetable) and dance. Some people in Thailand have a fruit harvest with competitions, art displays and floats made from fruits and vegetables.

There are many festivals where food is celebrated and shared in India and sometimes cattle are worshipped too. During the rice harvest, in Indonesia, they have bright flags and make simple bamboo temples and rice dolls.
The ‘Harvest Moon Festival’ is celebrated in China. They enjoy picnics, bright lanterns, mooncakes and puppet shows with friends and family.
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