

CROP OVER IN BARBADOS

Crop Over is a traditional harvest festival which began in Barbados and marks the end of the yearly sugar cane harvest. It has since developed into Barbados' biggest national festival similar to carnival in Brazil and Trinidad.

It usually begins in June and runs until the first Monday in August when it culminates in its finale, Grand Kadooment. It is seen as one big party for Barbadians and tourists alike for the duration of two months.

It is worth noting that the major feature of Crop over is the "Pic o De Crop" calypso competition. The competitors sing calypso music which highlight social issues affecting Barbadians and the society. The music competitions include: the coveted Calypso Monarch Award, the People's Monarch and the Party Monarch .

There is also the Bridgetown Market Street Fair where tourists can interact with locals, sample local food and see various arts and craft found in many stalls along the street. The final day of the festival is known as Kadooment Day and is also declared as a national holiday. Persons parade the streets in their costumes "wukking up" to Barbadian music and simply having a great time.

QUESTIONS

1. What is Crop Over?
2. When does the festival of Crop Over begin and when does it end?
3. What is the major feature of Crop Over?
4. What two (2) things can be done at the Bridgetown Market Street Fair?
5. What is another word for "wukking up" - a. eating , b. dancing, c. singing



It's your turn: Describe a well - known festival in your country.

