



Natsume and Rising Star Games Reveal New Character and Features for *Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Special Edition* for Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4

The Special Edition Includes Co-Op Play, A New Marriageable Candidate, and More!

Burlingame, CA. – March 27, 2018 – Natsume Inc., a worldwide developer and publisher of family-oriented video games, and Rising Star Games, European video game publisher and long-standing partner of Natsume, today revealed the special features that make up ***Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Special Edition*** on Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4. New to the console versions is Soleil, a new character, as well as the a new game feature of CO-OP Play, upcoming DLC, and a Season Pass, all adding to an even more unique Harvest Moon experience!

Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Special Edition players will meet Soleil, a Gem Sprite whose origin is shrouded in mystery. Being a Gem Sprite, Soleil is unfamiliar with the world outside of the dark caverns. It will be up to players to introduce Soleil to the wonders of the outside world!

Soleil will also guide players through the new CO-OP Play. Grab a friend, and they'll be able to control Soleil and help out on your farm using Soleil's Gem Sprite magic! Soleil will be able to grow crops, tend livestock, and gather materials. Farmwork has never been so easy!

<https://youtu.be/xZkUpRD41yA>

What's more, Soleil is also a marriageable candidate! When Soleil develops feelings for the main character, they will take on a human form!

A Season Pass will also be available to players who want access to all four planned DLC the game will feature. All four DLC are designed to enhance and offer more of a unique Harvest Moon gameplay experience!

In ***Harvest Moon: Light of Hope***, players begin the game as they set out looking for a fresh start and new surroundings. During their voyage, their ship is hit by a storm and goes down. As they drift into a small harbor town, now in a shambles from the storm, it will be up to the player to help rebuild the town and save the lighthouse...but it won't be easy! Nevertheless, with some hard work growing crops, tending

livestock, and gathering materials for repairs, players will be able to make new friends, start a family, revive the lighthouse, and save the town!

For North American players, ***Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Special Edition*** is available for pre-order for \$39.99 at GameStop. View more info about ***Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Special Edition*** for Nintendo Switch at GameStop [HERE](#) and the PlayStation 4 [HERE](#). A 6-inch Harvest Moon Chocolate Cow Plush is included as a pre-order bonus with the standard boxed retail version.

For players in Europe and beyond, ***Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Special Edition*** is available for pre-order at selected retailers. In addition, a limited run of a deluxe release, ***Harvest Moon: Light of Hope Collector's Edition*** is also available for pre-order. The Collector's Edition contains all of the exciting content of the Special Edition, and also includes the full Season Pass, a hot drinks mug, a tote bag and a selection of pin badges, all lavishly presented in a barn-shaped presentation case and will be available with for the Nintendo [Switch version](#) and [PlayStation 4 version](#).

About Harvest Moon

2017 marked the 20th Anniversary of the beloved farming/life simulation franchise, *Harvest Moon*. The game first released in North America in 1997, and has continued to see a steady rise of popularity and players, making it one of today's most beloved franchises. *Harvest Moon* is revered for being a non-violent, family-oriented game for everyone, and there have been more than 31 games released in the series. A full history of the games in the franchise can be seen here: http://www.natsume.com/current_game/games/hm20th/index.html

Players can follow the latest news for all of the beloved Natsume franchises at www.natsume.com and by scooping all of the latest Natsume updates, contests, screen shots and more at www.natsume.com/facebook and www.twitter.com/natsume_inc.

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Harvest Moon: Light of Hope assets can be found here: <https://app.box.com/v/HarvestMoonLOH>

About Natsume Inc.

Natsume Inc. is a worldwide developer and publisher that specialize in unique and family-oriented interactive entertainment software for a variety of platforms. Most known for publishing Reel Fishing and Harvest Moon, Natsume is dedicated to producing quality video games. For more information about Natsume Inc. visit www.natsume.com

About Rising Star Games

Rising Star Games is a privately held video games publisher with a global reach. With operating offices in Europe and USA the company publishes video game entertainment across all gaming platforms from Sony, Microsoft, Nintendo and via Steam. With decades of combined experience and a genuine passion for interactive entertainment, Rising Star Games is proud of its ever-expanding and enormously diverse catalog of over 130 titles. www.risingstargames.com