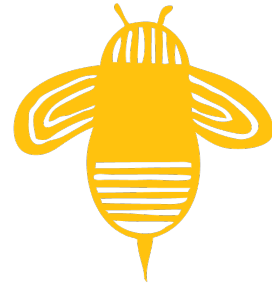


← YOUNG AGRARIANS →



Young Agrarians is the largest educational resource network for new and young ecological farmers in Canada.

We offer farmer-to-farmer programming to grow the next generation of farmers.



Currently, program delivery is Western Canada focused. The network of farmers and collaborating organizations is national.



Context:

.7% of the CDN population are farm operators.

There are 22,635 farm operators 35 and younger, of 262,455 (Stats Canada).



Context:

Cost of land and production creates significant entry barriers.



YA Program goals:

Support new farmers to access education, training, land, business mentorship, and resources.

YA GROW-A-FARMER PROGRAM PILLARS

ONLINE
ENGAGEMENT

EDUCATIONAL
EVENTS

APPRENTICESHIP
TRAINING

LAND ACCESS &
TRANSITION

BUSINESS
MENTORSHIPS

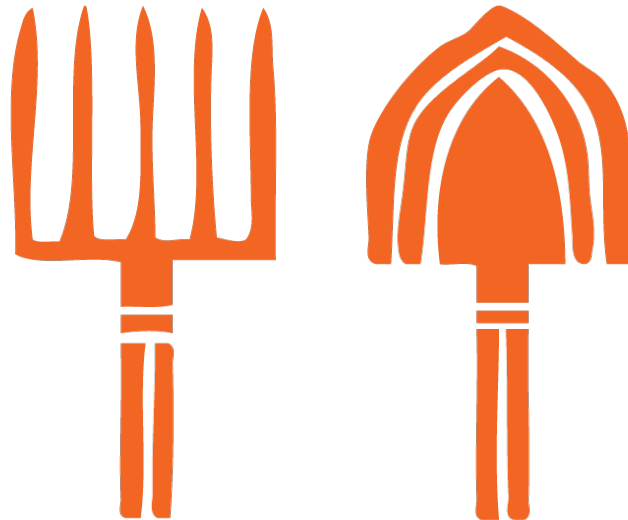
IMPACT: IN 2022 YA WORKED WITH

2,000 Farmers

1,600 Farms

630 Landholders

260 Organizations



GOT LAND? WANT LAND?



B.C. LAND MATCHING
→ PROGRAM ←

LAND MATCHING

- B.C. Land Matching Program adapted from Quebec's ARTERRE.
- Provides a pathway to agricultural succession, economic development, and rural revitalization by:
 - Addressing farmer and landholder lack of knowledge around leasing and farm start up;
 - Encouraging development of secure, long-term agreements;
 - Supporting the establishment of new farm businesses;
 - Putting new land into production & ensuring existing farmland continues to be farmed;
 - Supporting agricultural area plans; and
 - Telling a positive story on how government is supporting the next generation of farmers and agriculture.

LAND MATCHING

- Land Matchers provide personalized, hands-on support connecting farmers with landholders, including:
 - Development of inventory of farmland opportunities
 - Supporting new farmers to get “enterprise ready” by connecting them with business planning and farm extension support to develop their farm businesses.
 - Matching of farmers to farmland opportunities, including services and supports to farmers and landholders to ensure successful matches and the creation of viable farms.
 - Outreach and educational events to increase knowledge and facilitate matches between new farmers and landholders.
- Land Matchers are working across B.C. in the Okanagan, Metro Vancouver / Fraser Valley, Vancouver Island, Columbia Basin, and Central / North.



B.C. LAND MATCHING PROGRAM

5,850+ farmers and landholders engaged

4,680+ attendees at 75 land access events

1,585+ UMap land & farmer listings for 35,000+ acres

1,300+ registered participants in the BCLMP

245 land matches completed on 9,694+ acres



B.C. LAND MATCHING PROGRAM

715+ farmers and landholders engaged

500+ attendees at 11 land access events

244+ UMap land & farmer listings for 2,200+ acres

157+ registered participants in the BCLMP

28 land matches completed on 179+ acres



 COLUMBIA BASIN 



COLUMBIA BASIN SUCCESS STORY: LINDEN LANE FARMS

“The BCLMP allowed us to expand our operations by helping us find and secure suitable land for our crop production needs.

By mediating between landholders and farmers, this program has taken a lot of worry off of both parties to create mutually beneficial agreements.

Our leases have allowed us to produce nearly 30% more product than two years ago, a success for both the business and our customers dependent on local food.”

- Matt Carr, Owner of Linden Lane Farms



LOCAL FARMS BUILD THE LOCAL ECONOMY



- Farms have a bigger economic impact on local communities than any other industry
- Economic multiplier effect is 1.6–3 times revenue generated
- Estimating that a farm will earn \$10,000 revenues in year 1:
 - 8 CB matches in 2022 = \$128,000–\$240,000 in potential economic impact
 - If annual revenues stay at \$10,000, impact of 28 total CB matches is \$448,000–\$840,000 **per year**
- **Case Story** – 22-acre mixed livestock and market garden operation on Vancouver Island, signed spring 2021:
 - \$165,000 in gross revenue in 2021
 - 5 seasonal employees
 - Economic multiplier effect means impact on the local community = \$264,000 to \$495,000 in 2021 alone



LAND EVENTS BUILD KNOWLEDGE AND NETWORKS



YOUNG AGRARIANS

BC LAND MATCHING PROGRAM

ON UNCEDED INDIGENOUS TERRITORIES

ONLINE
LAND
FORUM
NOV 14-30

CALLING ALL FARMERS AND LANDHOLDERS!



YOUNG AGRARIANS | KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY FARM ADVISORS
FARM TOUR AT BENT PLOW FARM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 5-7PM | BLEWETT, BC

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Challenges:

- Climate change and volatile weather means farmers will continue to have tough seasons
- Inflation and rising costs of inputs, insurance, etc. mean navigating start-up is increasingly difficult
- Limited housing supply on and near farmland

Opportunities:

- Current farmers looking to retire need succession planning support
- Continue to build inventory of quality land opportunities
- Explore ways to attract farmers to the region
- Outreach, networking, and education – opportunities to collaborate

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