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BC AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

# Update for RDBN Ag Forum

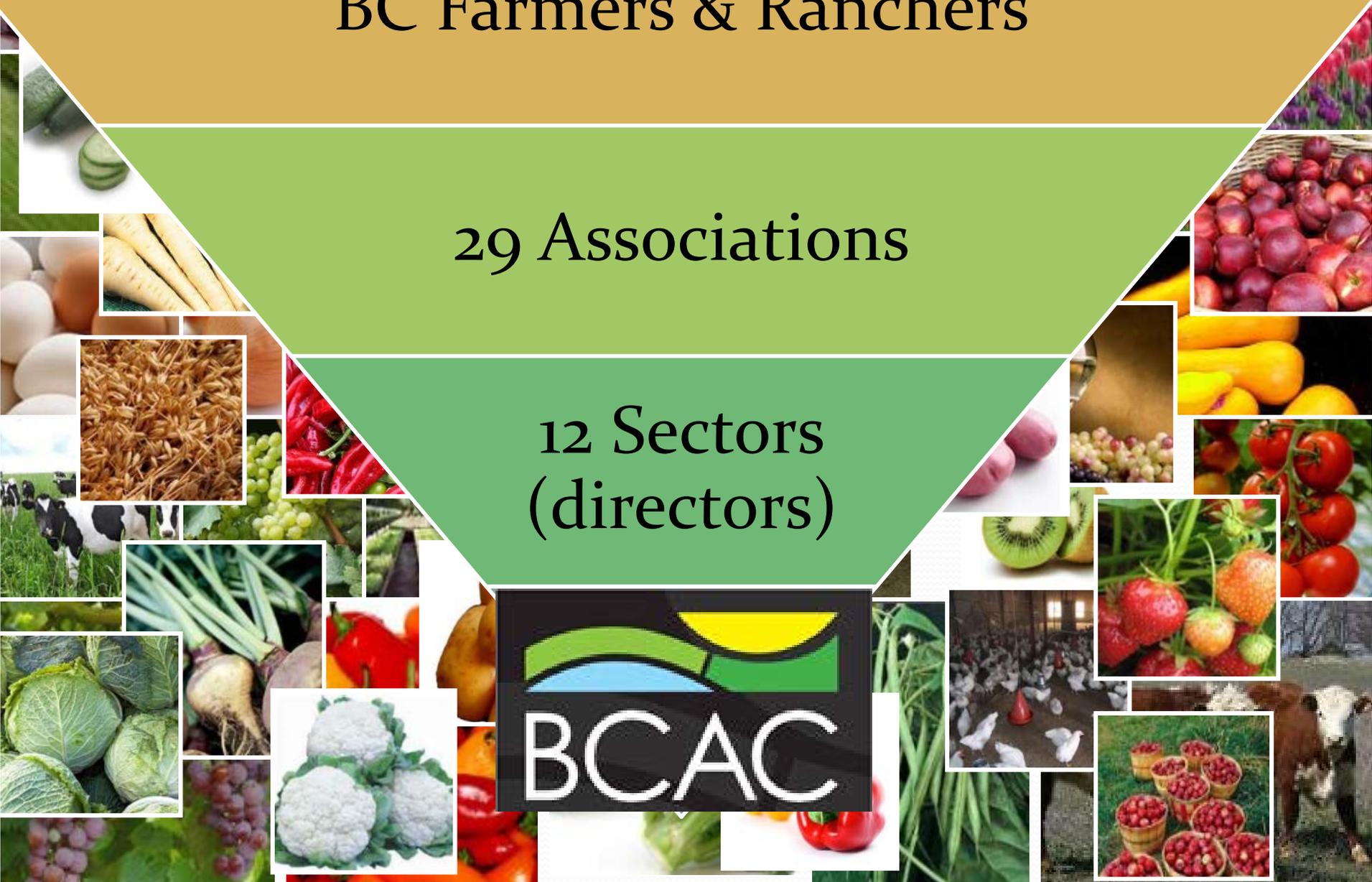
Burns Lake, 9 November, 2016

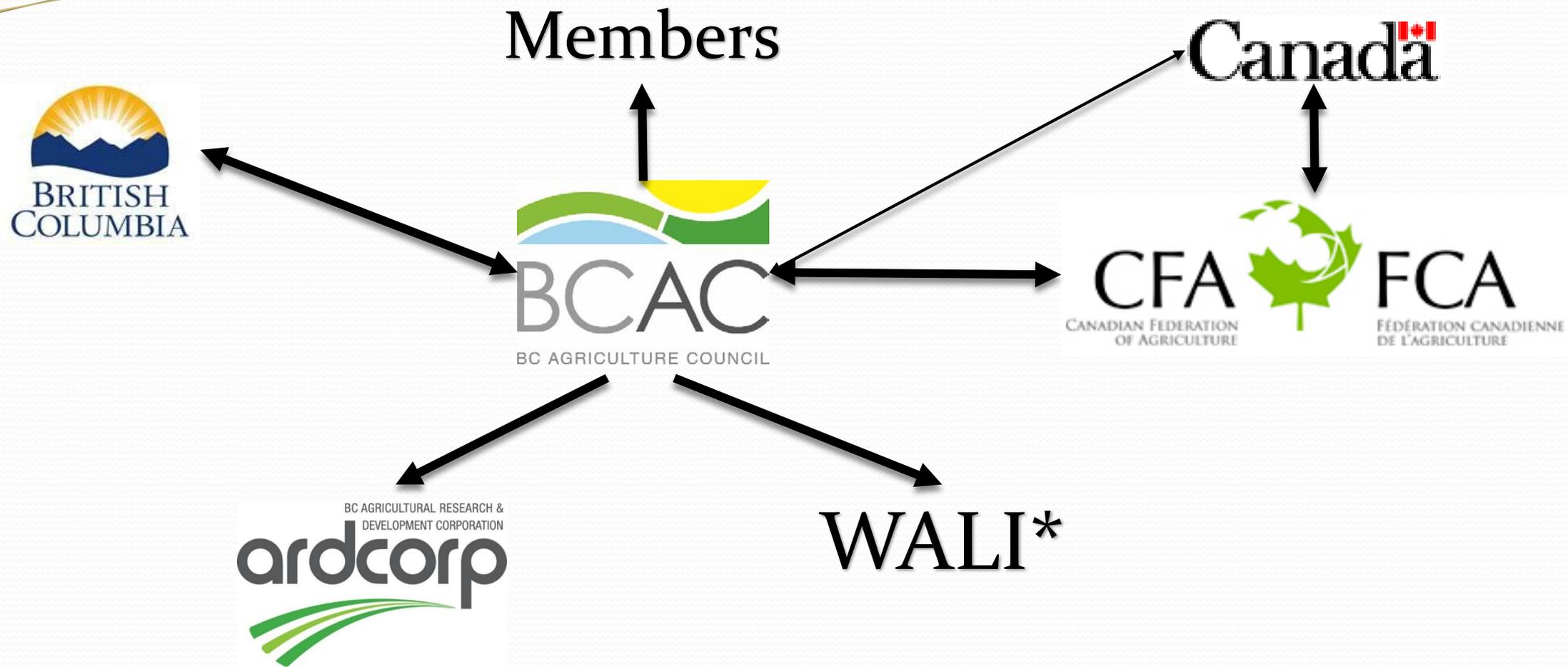
Megan D'Arcy, FARM Director

BC Farmers & Ranchers

29 Associations

12 Sectors  
(directors)





\*Western Agriculture Labour Initiative

## 29 Associations including FARM & COABC

Berries: BC Blueberries, BC Cherry Association, Raspberry Industry Development Council, BC Strawberry Growers' Association

Cranberries: BC Cranberry Growers' Association

Tree Fruits & Grapes: BC Fruit Growers' Association, BC Grape Growers' Association, BC Wine Grape Council

Poultry: BC Chicken Grower Association, BC Hatching Eggs, BC Egg Producers Association, BC Turkey Farmers, BC Poultry Association

Dairy: BC Dairy Association

Horses & Beef Cattle: Horse Council of BC, BC Cattlemen's Association

Pork: BC Pork Producers' Association

Honey: BC Honey Producers' Association

Vegetables: BC Potato & Vegetable Growers' Association, Fraser Valley Cole Crop Growers' Association, Fraser Valley Pea and Bush Bean Growers' Association

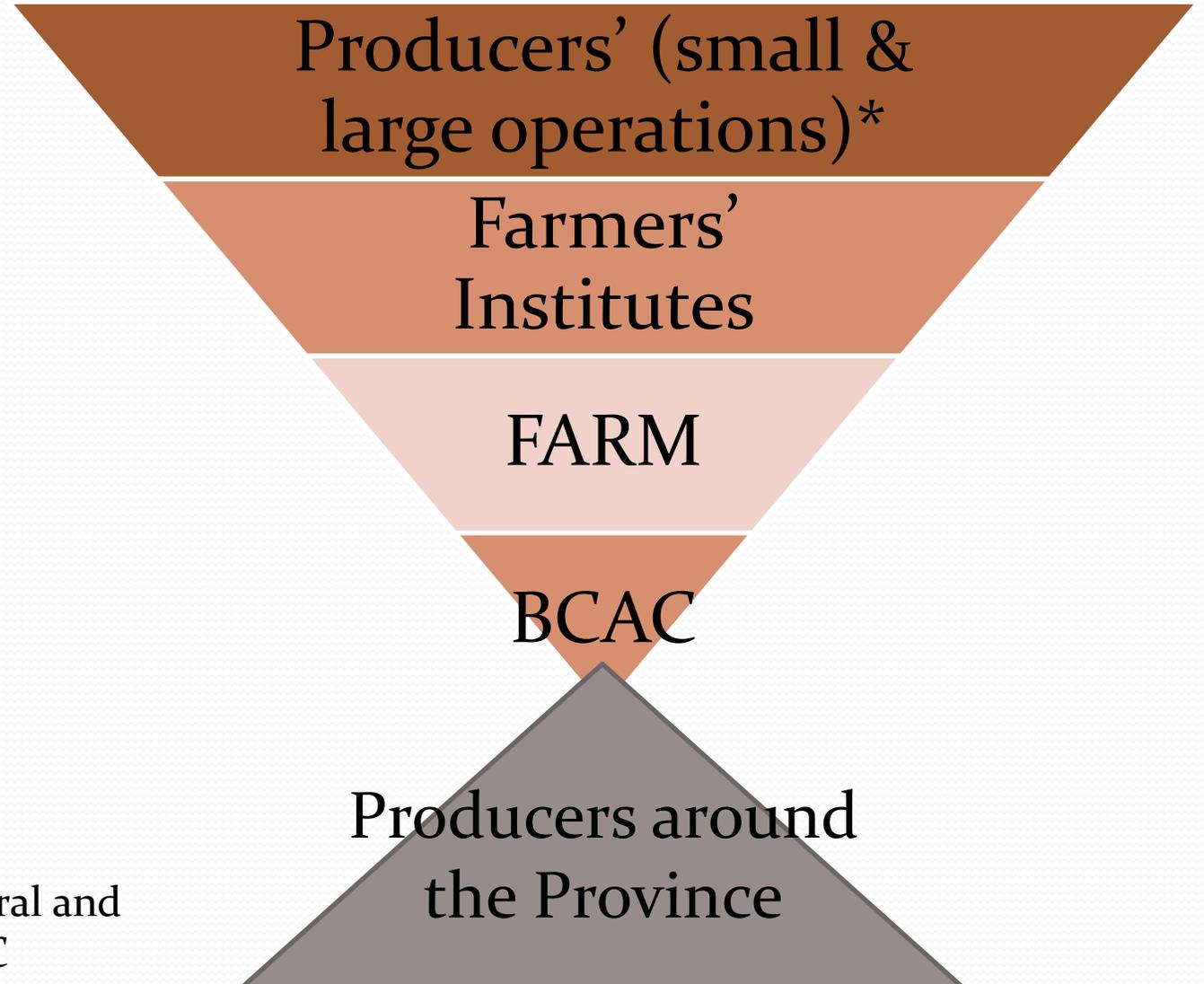
Grain: BC Grain Producers' Association, Peace Region Forage Seed Association

Greenhouse & Cut Flowers: United Flower Growers' Cooperative, BC Greenhouse Growers' Association, BC Landscape and Nursery Association

# Community Agriculture Link

Food and Agriculture  
Responsibility Members'  
(FARM) Community Council  
and the Certified Organic  
Association of BC (COABC)  
share a seat at the BC  
Agriculture Council

\*Primarily from the central and  
northwestern parts of BC





**Leading the way together.**



## **Current Priorities**

**Environment**

**Labour**

**Public Trust**

**Taxation**

## *Environment Activities*

- Input to the Ag Waste Control Regulations
- Improving the well water licencing registration process
- Species At Risk
- Environmental Farm Plan (ARDCorp)



- 480 hectare organic beef, dairy (Jersey), and sheep operation in Lumby, BC
- Riparian work to improved salmon habitat
- Upgraded irrigation system to reduce water usage and save energy



# Beneficial Management Practices

Water Quality	Water Quantity	Climate Change
Product & Waste Management - composting	Irrigation Infrastructure Improvement	On-farm Energy Assessments
Farmyard Runoff Control	Buffer Establishment	Converting fossil-fuel dependant systems
Relocation of Livestock	Nutrient Recovery from Waste Water	Alternative Energy Technology
Improved stream crossing & fencing of riparian areas		Lighting Efficiency Improvements

## *Labour Activities*



- Partnering with AgSafe & WorkSafe BC
- Reviewing housing inspector certification standards
- Assist with Labour Market Impact Assessment processing
- Updating the Housing Inspection Guidelines Document
- Represent Industry at meetings with Canada and foreign governments



## *“Taxation” Activities*

- Worked with the Province on the Agri-Tourism regulations
- Want improvements to the PST exemption list

# The "Trust Framework"

**The "Hub"**  
(coordination & support)

## "Doing the Right Thing"

- Industry Standards (sectors own and are accountable)
- Metrics to support
- National, cross-sector coordination

## Trusted Assurance / Verification System

- Enabling, not restrictive,
- Protect and promote our system
- Government has a role to play
- Federal/provincial consistency
- Research and academic centre involvement

## Communication

- Working in harmony to tackle tough issues
- Understanding & influencing the public and all stakeholders

..... Transparency .....  
..... Continuous Improvement .....

## *Public Trust*

People are concerned and are questioning the safety, quality, and sustainability of their food sources.



PST exemption

Coloured fuel

Insurance Discounts

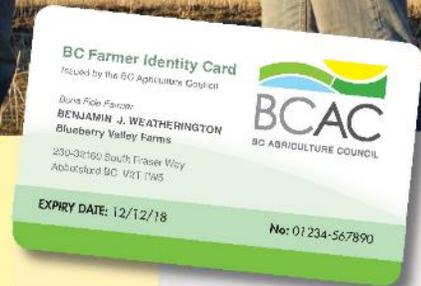
Retail Benefits

Proceeds support work of BCAC  
and reduce annual association  
membership dues

# BCAC FARMER ID CARD



**SAVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS**  
PST EXEMPTIONS, COLOURED FUEL,  
INSURANCE DISCOUNTS  
AND MORE!



## GAIN ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE FARMER DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS!

The BC Farmer Identity Card Program is specifically designed to offer farmers and ranchers exclusive benefits to improve their business and lifestyle.

The BC Agriculture Council (BCAC) represents over 14,000 BC farm families via 29 farm sector associations from all regions of the province. Our mission is to continually improve the social, environmental and economic sustainability of BC agriculture.

### BY SIGNING UP FOR A BC FARMER ID CARD, YOU WILL:

- 1** Help support the BCAC as agriculture's voice to government
- 2** Receive great discounts on a variety of products and services
- 3** Have proof of your bona fide farmer status

### CARD PRICING (PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES):

The BC Farmer ID Card is available to all bona fide BC farmers	1 YEAR		3 YEAR	
	BCAC Member	Non BCAC Member	BCAC Member	Non BCAC Member
	\$100	\$200	\$285	\$570



Farmer ID Card holders enjoy exclusive savings off the purchase of a new Chrysler, Dodge or Jeep vehicle, Private Health Services, Insurance, Travel Insurance, Farm Estate Planning, World-Wide Hotel Booking and Car Rental, Telecoms (Long Distance, Cellular Long Distance, Home Phone Plan, etc.), Personal Safety Monitoring, and more.



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COABC  
Food and Organic Associations of BC

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
RESPONSIBILITY MEMBERS'  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



FRASER VALLEY  
PEAS, BUSH  
BEANS & CORN  
GROWERS'  
ASSOCIATION



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