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GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

Bulkley-Nechako Agriculture Update



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Agriculture Coordinator Update

And just like that, it's August. Harvest is underway, and we are moving into heavier morning dew and cooler nights. Unlike the last two years, some areas of the region have been getting rain mid-season, which has been very helpful for keeping the wildfire situation more manageable.

Agriculture coordination activities at the Regional District have included continued work on both the Livestock Processing Services and the Agriculture Water Feasibility and Community Irrigation projects, updating the [Connecting Consumers and Producers online directory](#), and collaborating with the Northwest Invasive Plant Council on invasive species management.

There are Agriculture Field Days coming up in August that focus on Soil Health, Drought Adaptability & Profitable Practices. There is one in Telkwa on August 19, and one in Vanderhoof on August 20. This is a joint collaboration between the Ministry of Agriculture & Food, BC Forage Council, and BC Cattlemen's Association. Registration is required, you can find the link [here](#).

Reminders:

The Connecting Consumers and Producers online directory lists the Farmers' Markets in the region, including their operating days/times, if you haven't already visited your local market. 😊

The Northwest Invasive Plant Council administers a 50:50 Landowner Rebate Program for people managing invasive species on their properties. The application is [here](#) - the total rebate amount was increased to \$1,000 this year.

It's Time to Celebrate Agriculture!



Nechako Valley Exhibition

August 8 to 10, 2025

Already taken place - Mark your calendars for the same time next year!

Nechako Valley Exhibition Grounds in Vanderhoof, BC

Nechako Valley Exhibition



Lakes District Fall Fair

September 5 to 7, 2025

Eagle Creek Fairgrounds near Burns Lake, BC

Cattle Division 2025 Hereford Mark of Excellence Show & Gold Angus Show, Small Animal Exhibits, and more!

Lakes District Fall Fair



Bulkley Valley Exhibition

August 21 to 24, 2025

Smithers Fall Fairgrounds in Smithers, BC

The Beef Cattle Pen Show is back! Check it out along with the Dairy Cattle Exhibit and more!

Bulkley Valley Exhibition

Young Agrarians Land Sharing Workshop



Young Agrarians (YA), in collaboration with John Stevenson from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, are hosting a Land Sharing Workshop in Smithers on September 6, 2025, at the Old Church. More details can be found [here](#).

Come meet Andrew Adams, the YA Land Matcher for the Central-North, and get the latest information on accessing land or leasing your land to aspiring producers.

Drought Survey for BC Ranchers

2025 BCCA Drought Survey for Cattle Producers

The BC Cattlemen's Association (BCCA) is asking producers how the last few years of drought conditions and wildfires have impacted their ranch operations. More information is located on the BCCA [website](#) including the link to the survey. All ranchers/cattle producers are welcome to fill out the survey.

**BCCA
REQUIRES
CATTLE
INDUSTRY
INPUT**



2025 DROUGHT SURVEY

As the extreme heat and dry conditions prevail across the province, BC Cattlemen's Association is seeking feedback from producers about the severity and extent of drought conditions throughout B.C.

**SCAN HERE
TO TAKE THE
SURVEY**



We are collecting information such as forage yields, regional hay availability, feed prices, water availability and reservoir levels, as well as impacts from forest fires.



Please let us know what you'd like to see in the next Growing Opportunities eNewsletter!

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