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Bulkley-Nechako Agriculture Update



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Agriculture Coordinator Update

Summer is underway! Hopefully everyone is having a decent growing season. The rain we have been getting has been a bit selective, so some areas are getting more moisture than others. If you've been following the [BC Drought Information Portal](#), you already know that our region is classified as Drought Level 1 or 3, depending on the location. This time of year, water conservation in agriculture includes using efficient irrigation systems that don't have leaks and making sure livestock waterers are working correctly.

Livestock Processing Services Project: Survey

PRODUCER SURVEY

It's been a tough couple years for poultry and livestock producers. Help us design solutions to make things easier to get your locally raised meat processed.

Your input will be used to write grant applications and empower new slaughter and butchery startups and expansions in Northwest BC.



SURVEY EXTENDED TO AUG 15/25!

MORE INFO: WWW.MASHAZELTONS.ORG

This project was made possible with funding from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction and facilitation from the Public Health Association of British Columbia and Food Banks B.C.



The next phase of the **Livestock Processing Services Project** is underway!

Producers and meat processors - please complete this anonymous [survey](#) to help us create a snapshot of current service levels, gaps in service, and areas of potential growth.

The survey deadline has been extended until August 15th, so please don't delay.

Please note, when you are finished the survey, you must hit DONE to save and exit the survey. If you would like to follow up with questions or ideas, please contact [Laurie Gallant](#) after the survey closes on August 15th. For more information please visit the MASH [website](#).

Northwest Invasive Plant Council Photo Contest!



NWIPC Photo Contest

The Northwest Invasive Plant Council is hosting a photo contest this summer! They are looking for photos showing how you preserve our region's natural diversity. Enter the contest and win a prize!

You get bonus points if your photo depicts you in the act of managing and/or removing invasive species, but artistic interpretation is encouraged!

Please submit your photos to program_assistant@nwipc.org or DM NWIPC on Instagram or Facebook.

Agriculture Land Use Inventory In Progress

An Agriculture Land Use Inventory (ALUI) survey is being completed for the entire region. The ALUI survey is being completed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and the Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC. More information [here](#).

Watch for survey crews making frequent stops between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. across the region from July 7th to August 30th.



Do You Feel One Hundred?

Nominations Open for Century Farm and Ranch Awards

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food awards multi-generational farms and organizations that are 100 years old. Award criteria, categories, and the nomination form can be found [here](#). Your farm may be eligible for Century Farm recognition! It would be in good company - Wisteria Community Hall celebrated its 100th year this year (Burns Lake Lakes District News newspaper article [here](#)).



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

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