

# GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

Bulkley-Nechako Agriculture Update



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## Agriculture Coordinator Update

**Happy Holidays from the RDBN Ag Team, we wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season!** 🌲

We are only a few days away from the shortest day of the year, and we have definitely shifted into winter.

Interested in connecting with your fellow producers before the next growing season? Many agricultural, non-profit organizations will soon be holding their annual general meetings (AGMs). These meetings are a terrific opportunity for members and the public to learn about organizational priorities, review annual reports and financials, and participate in governance through elections and resolutions. Meeting dates, locations, and participation options are typically shared through each organization's website, email newsletters, social media channels, and member communications. If you are interested, please check these sources regularly to stay informed and take part.

## Water Feasibility & Community Irrigation System

### *Community Irrigation in Vanderhoof*

The RDBN Water Feasibility and Community Irrigation System in the Vanderhoof Area pilot project has wrapped up.

Final deliverables include a project report, a podcast, and a factsheet. The podcast is currently in production. All three deliverables will be available in early 2026.

The report provides a roadmap for looking at the feasibility of a community irrigation system in any agricultural area within the regional district. Water licenses are required for each participating farm, which means producers thinking about this type of system need to each evaluate how much water they require.

The report also provides detail about the governance options for community irrigation



systems. Good governance is critical to success.

## Coming Soon! Growing Opportunities Podcast \* New Series \*

The Ag Team is excited to announce that the next **Growing Opportunities podcast series** is under production! The series will highlight 2025 projects and other initiatives. Topics include livestock services, invasive species, community irrigation and more!

The podcast will be available for listening early in 2026!



## New Central & North Land Matcher!



### Meet Meghan Masson!

Meghan Masson is the new Central and North Land Matcher for the B.C. Young Agrarians Land Matching Program! Her full bio can be found [here](#). If you live in the RDBN and you either own land that you would like to see farmed, or you are a farmer in need of land to farm, contact Meghan to explore the current options and opportunities!

Meghan Masson

## 2026 Agriculture Events

### Pacific Agriculture Show

The Pacific Agriculture Show is back from January 22-24. It is held at the Tradex in Abbotsford. There is something for everyone, including a petting zoo and Rabbitat. The Tradeshow showcases agriculture innovations.

More Information Here

### BC Association of Farmers' Markets 2026 Conference

Event will be held March 6-8 at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver, BC. Take part in professional development and networking opportunities and learn more about Farmers' Markets across B.C.!

Register Here

### BC Agriculture Forum

Hosted by the BC Agriculture Council, this event will be held June 24-25 at Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre. B.C.'s agriculture sector is extremely diverse - be part of the discussion with respect to key issues and policy development.

Pre-register Here



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

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