

# GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

Bulkley-Nechako Agriculture Update



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## Agriculture Coordinator Update

February often feels like a gentle turning point—filled with hope and anticipation for the year ahead, even as we work through a few ongoing challenges. As we navigate unpredictable weather patterns and economic impacts in the closely tied forest industry, the process of preparing for the upcoming growing season gives us something to focus on. There is a sense of excitement and assurance that comes with making plans and looking forward to seeing them take shape.

We're fortunate to live in a region where support is woven into the fabric of our communities. Across the agriculture industry, different associations and other groups continue to create programs and initiatives that help us solve problems together and stay connected. With a new year comes the annual gatherings of many community-led, non-profit organizations throughout the region. Joining a local group is a wonderful way to stay informed and involved. If you're not ready to become a member, you can still stay connected by following them on social media or checking their website.

*It's Here!*

### Growing Opportunities Podcast

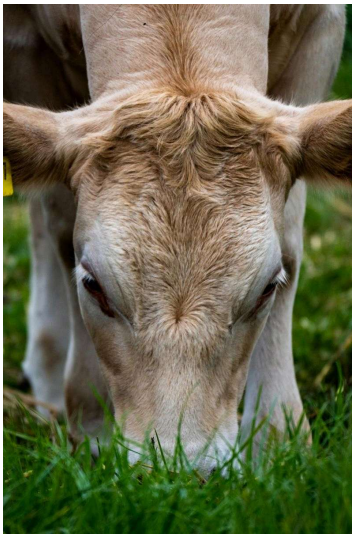
*\* New Series \**

The next Growing Opportunities podcast series is here! Featuring guests from the Northwest Invasive Plant Council, information about Community Irrigation Systems and more!

The Growing Opportunities Podcast is available on all major streaming services, including Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Audible, etc.



Canadian Forage & Grassland Association



## On-farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF)

The On-farm Climate Action Fund opened on February 1st. The funding intake will close March 15th. There is a virtual producer information session for potential applicants on March 6th at 10am Pacific time.

Producers wanting to apply should look through CFGA Advanced Grazing Systems learning resources as they need to prepare a grazing plan prior to submitting a project funding application.

[Register for Producer Info Session - March 6](#)

## Connecting Consumers & Producers

Connecting Consumers and Producers are featured on the RDBN YouTube channel! Last summer several producers in the directory responded to a call-out to be featured in videos that highlight their food business. The videos showcase the amazing products that our businesses produce, and how they can be found on our [Connecting Consumers and Producers Directory](#). Check it out and see for yourself the amazing job that people are doing to ensure consumers have access to local food!



Interested in Community Irrigation Systems?

**Interested in the idea of community irrigation systems?** Check out the factsheet below that outlines the steps to determining the feasibility of developing a community irrigation system anywhere in the regional district. This factsheet was compiled from information in the *Agriculture Water Assessment & Community Irrigation Feasibility Study for the Vanderhoof Area* final report, which will soon be available on the RDBN website.

## Community Irrigation System Factsheet



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

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