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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It has been a year of change, growth and productivity for the Agricultural Association. We have received National Recognition through the Canadian Adaptation & Rural Development Fund, Canadian Farm Business Management Council, Young Farmers of Canada and we were invited to participate in the National Rural Dialogue Workshop held here in Whitehorse. All of these are steps towards overcoming the challenges faced by individuals, families, communities and industry.

On a International Level, I am pleased to say that we were able to send 10 delegates to represent the Yukon Agriculture Industry at the 3rd Agriculture Circumpolar conference held in Anchorage, Alaska in October.. Some of these papers presented included reclamation, exporting, risk management and organic farming. Information about the conference is available in our office including reports and photos.

The good news does not stop there. We received Two Hundred Thousand dollars from the Yukon Government - Department of Education in April 1998 these monies are to be used for "Yukon Farmers". We have established a new committee this year, The Yukon Agricultural Education Trust Fund Committee. This committee is in the process of establishing a 5 year strategic plan for various types of training or farm management that will be beneficial to everyone.

Our Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development Fund Committee has worked very hard over the past year. We received 43-public proposals in February and September. The committee approved a total of 24 from various levels of government, community organizations, business, and individuals. These vary from research projects to public awareness programs. This has been a learning experience for everyone involved. Industry's role has been to develop sector specific projects that have public benefit.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Agriculture Policy Review that we took to all the communities. Your input has given us the voice we needed to speak for the changes that have been recommended by you, our industry. This assessment gives our representatives a united voice at the negotiating table with other stakeholders during the Government's Agriculture Policy and Grazing Lease Policy Evaluation Process in the next six months.

The Yukon Agricultural Industry has grown substantially in the past decade, we now have 160 farms and farm capital up to 45 million and still growing. With this growth comes new challenges for our industry. Risk management is foremost in my mind with changes to the policy, diversification within our industry, new tax incentives, creating new employment opportunities, the ability to secure finance and insurance policies for industry. By working together and sharing information we can overcome these challenges and continue to grow.

In the next few months the Association will be going to the communities with Internet training, two education programs in the schools, and a course on team farm management. We will be requesting input from all Yukon communities on what types of projects and research the Yukon needs and how the "POST 99" CARD Fund monies can best serve our industry.

Your agricultural association can not continue to function without you. A small group of dedicated volunteers continue to be in the forefront of all our operations. They are getting tired. Like geese flying in a "V" it is time for new people to move up front and lighten the load, offering their talents, and enthusiasm to an association working to meet their needs. I would like to take this time to thank all our volunteers who pitched in an helped at the many venues YAA has hosted throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without you.

I would also like to say goodby to a colleague and friend, John Cramp. You will be missed.

Dorine.

STEWART VALLEY NEWS By: Ralph & Norma Mease

This Summer was very hot and dry. Hay Crops were way down.

ats were cut as green feed than J0 Canada Geese cleaned up the rest. Gardens were good until the frost came in August. Yields were good as long as they could be watered. The Meases's came

home from the Fall Fair in Whitehorse with 5 First Place, 2 Second Place and 2 Third Place Ribbons for their entries.

Our annual pig barbeque was held on the 20th of September. Prizes were awarded for the Garden, Greenhouse and Grounds Competition held earlier in August. Judges were Brenda Sproule and Mary Lynn Drul of the Ag Branch. Results were as follows:

Best Vegetable Garden

Brain Lacey

2nd Oliver & Irene Hutton

3rd Bernard & Sylvia Menelon

Best Home Grounds

1st Jack Smith

2nd Oliver & Irene Hutton

3rd Brian Lacey

Best Greenhouse

1st Brian Lacey

2nd Oliver & Irene Hutton

3rd Johnsen & Bella Peter

Best Overall went to Brian Lacey, Juttons and Smiths.

A new commercial category was added and the winners were:

1st Vegetable Garden, Ralph & Norma Mease

2nd Home Grounds, North Star Motel & Bernard & Sluice Menelon

KLONDIKE VALLEY NEWS By :Gordon & Carlene Kerr

It has been a busy summer with agriculture in the Klondike Valley. Several market gardeners were very active this spring, supplying bedding plants to the local markets. One of the businesses Vogt Vegetables operated by Lucy Vogt, produced a continual supply of fresh vegetables into August, with a new idea for Dawson introduced this fall: A U-Dig Potato Patch was very successful for Lucy and very popular with people who didn't have a garden of their own. These people enjoyed a day out getting exercise and quality spuds at the same time. Many private gardens flourished around the valley and I am sure there are many freezers full with the rewards of hard work. Many hogs were raised around the area as well.

The Klondike Horsemen's Association held there 2nd annual horse show out at HoofBeats Equestrian Center and it turned out to be a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped and to all the families and companies who sponsored the classes.

Bits & Bridles - 4-H Club
participated in the Whitehorse
Clinics and Horseshow. The club
held a clinic with the local vet who
explained about horse care. Thank
you to Dr. Overall. Bits & Bridles
participated in the Team of Three
Horse Show competition at the
Klondyke Classic Dawson
Horseshow. Members are
currently preparing for their junior
proficiency tests and getting ready
for the year end banquet.

Gordon & Carlene Kerr recently attended the 3rd Circumpolar Conference in Anchorage. They were representing the YAA and the Canadian Young Farmers Forum. They brought back with them a more global view of the future of agriculture in the North.

The Klondyke Valley YAA
Chapter would like to congratulate
Dawne Mitchell for being
accepted for a CARD Program.
She was accepted under the 2nd
call for proposals and her project
entitled From Seeds to Harvest
will teach 10
people to
grow and
harvest their
own garden.
The type of
project

exemplifies the purpose of CARD and we are proud to have Dawns' project in our community.

On a sad note, our chapter lost a very active and devoted voice recently, when our current Vice-President and past President, John Cramp disappeared in the Yukon River. John farmed several miles up river from Dawson City and was returning from his homestead when the accident occurred.

John was devoted to trying to get the Lynx Refuegeum near Henderson Corner released from the protected status it holds, and turned into agricultural land. John was also for the idea of an Infrastructure Lot for the Klondike Valley farms which would allow local producers to work together. John was a valued member of our organization and his learned discussion will be missed.

WHITEHORSE CHAPTER NEWS, By:Dorine Girouard

The Whitehorse Chapter has been extremely busy in the past months. The office is on Winter hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 - 11:30 am

If you need to see someone after those hours please call and arrange a time. We would be happy to accommodate you.

KLONDYKE HARVEST FAIR By: Dorine Girouard

The Fair was a huge success this year. The Livestock and Demonstration Events were the best they have ever been, we had a very good show of support by the 4-H clubs, Veterinarians and Klondyke Canines Dog Club. The success of the Livestock and Demonstration events this year are due to the Hard Work and Enthusiasm of a number of people, First and Foremost was Judy Freeburn Thank you Judy. A big thank you to the following for bringing their animals to the fair. Colten Bain, Sandra & Eric Nyland, Jim Dillabough and all the dogs, horses, exotic birds etc..

I would like to take this time to thank the YTG Agricultural Department for all of their hard work and enthusiasm in the Bench Show. Randy Lamb, Tony Hill, Dave Beckman, Marylyn Drul Thank you. The Ag. Branch will no longer be in charge of the organization of the Bench Show, they will however continue to assist us financially, with technical advice and with their many volunteers Again, thank you for all you have done.

The Winners of our Bench Show:

Chas Hyslop,	Vegetables-Junio
Randy Lamb	Vegetables - Seni
Stacey Taylor	Flowers - Junior
Randy Lamb	Flowers - Senior
Alan Lebedoff	Preserves-Junior
Randy Lamb	Preserves - Senio
Amber Rix	Baking - Junior
Jodie Harms	Baking Senior
Holly Stirling	Quilting Best
	Workmanship
Connie Thompson	Knitting
Elain Brown	Needlework
Helen Bianowksy	Crocheting
Brian Boyle	Beer
Dorothy Drummond	Wine
Joanne Johnson	Wine
Shelby Holt	Environmental
	Awareness
Colten Bain	Junior Poultry
Jim Dillabough	Livestock Senior
Connie Firth	Rotary Junior
	Sunflower

Grand Champion Randy Lamb Pauline Steele Runner up Grand Champion Alan Lebedoff Chas Hyslop Runner up Congratulations

THANK YOU TO:

The City of Whitehorse, CARD Fund, Community Development Fund, Lotteries and YTG. Ag. Branch for making our fair such a success.

The Fair is looking for Committee Heads and volunteers for the 5th Annual Fair. We need our members to be involved in this exciting agricultural based event. Please call the YAA, Whitehorse office @ 668-6864

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3rd	Terry Coventry	Pig
4th	Edith Jerome,	6 Chickens ade
5 th	Bill Dolan,	6 Chickens
6 th	Gloria Hockley	2 Turkeys
7th	A. McLaughlin	2 Turkeys
8 th	Barb Drury	2 Turkeys
9 th	Collinette Colby	150 Lbs Potatocs
10 th	W.L Drury	150 Lbs Potatoes

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CIRCUMPOLAR CONFERENCE By: Barbara Drury

The Circumpolar Conference on Agriculture held in Anchorage, Alaska on October 12-16,1998 was a very interesting and informative event for all Yukoners who attended. Representing and presenting papers for the YAA were:

Barbara Drury:

Rural Risk Management Shirley Ford:

Elk Farming in the Yukon Marilee Irwin:

Certified Organic Agriculture Gordon & Carlene Kerr:

Young Farmers of Canada

Doug & Joan Craig

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Scott McLean:

University of Saskatoon CALL Program

Bill Drury:

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Joan Craig:

Downtown Urban Gardeners Society

Ralph Mease attended representing YAA. Randy & Rachael Lewis took in the conference Audrey McLaughlin was a guest speaker. Glen Hart from Economic Development, Tony Hill & Dave Beckman from the Ag. Branch also

attended the Conference.

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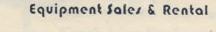
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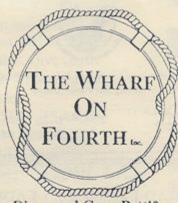
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to go on 2 tours. The first all day tour took in Soldatna, seeing an elk farm and an organic greenhouse operation. The second I day tour took in Palmer, and we aw a Musk Ox Farm, a huge greenhouse operation that operates year round, two government research stations, and a dairy. We were impressed at the extent and scope of agriculture development in Alaska. The Yukon had an opportunity at the Conference to learn from Norwegians, Swedes, Finns, Icelanders, Russians and Alaskans. The exchange of ideas was stimulating. Photos and Information on the conference are available at the YAA Whitehorse office.

FARM INSURANCE By: Barbara Drury

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TRAINING TRUST FUND

This Committee has been discussing a variety of Education Programs, the farmers in the Yukon have said they want implemented.

The Committee is: Rick Harder, Chair, Watson Lake Ralph Mease, Mayo Dorine Girouard, Whitehorse Gordon Kerr, Dawson City John Reid, Mayo Mark Bain, Whitehorse Mike Perry, Dawson City

AGRICULTURAL POLICY REVIEW By: Dorine Girouard

After hearing from our membership that the new policy wasn't working. The YAA in conjunction with Lynn Ogden surveyed over 120 organizations and individuals and completed a review of the Agricultural Policy. We asked to partner with YTG. However, they chose to not to and will be doing their own review in the coming months. There is not much the Association can do at this time but see how their review compares with the results of ours. YAA will work with them and bring forward concerns raised by Industry.

CANADIAN FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.

There are a couple of projects the YAA is running through the CFBMC they are:

·Internet Training for farmers This course will be offered throughout the Yukon and will give participants an introduction Computers and the Internet. Call 668-6864 for more info.

· Farm Profiles are in the final stages of completion. These profiles will be published and available to any one interested.

BOVINE GROWTH HORMONE By: Barbara Drury

The Bovine Growth Hormone is ready to enter the Canadian dairy system. All the paperwork has been done, and the big drug companies are lobbying hard to get it approved. Only strong opposition from consumers, scientists, farmers and the dairy industry has held it back so far, and we must keep the pressure on.

Recently we have heard how Government scientists have been kept from releasing their reports on BGH, documents have been shredded, and Senator Eugene Whelan reported to be "shocked" at the obvious pressure that is being brought to bear on all interested in bringing the truth of BGH to light.

One very important human health issue remains unanswered. Increased levels of insulin-like growth factor, a suspected carcinogen, is claimed to be present in milk from cows injected with BGH. In the U.S., where BGH has been approved, dairy farmers are complaining that the cows are showing an increase in mastitis, and are doomed to shorter life spans. Canadian dairy farmers realize that Canadians in general oppose the addition of BGH, and do not want to see it's use approved in Canada. It is up to us to fight it now. If you are interested in this issue please contact the The Council of Canadians 502-151 Slater St. Ottawa, ON KIP 5H3 Tel: (613) 233-2773 or

1-800-387-7177 Fax: (613) 233-6776 e-mail:inquiries@canadians.org Don't Delay, The Government is

deciding now!

CARD FUND by: Dorine Girouard

The 1st & 2nd calls for proposals are completed. A total of 38 proposals for the 1st calls were received of those 23 were approved. 5 proposals for the 2nd call were received of those 3 were approved. The projects are:

- YTG Ag Branch Meat Inspector Training
- YAA, Stewart Valley Chapter Community Granary
- Gary & Pamela Zgeb
 Raspberries Trial
- Downtown Urban Gardeners Community Garden
- · Ken Gies: Soil Study
- Mayo Renewable Resource Ag. Land Assessment
- · Patricia Smith: Wild Mushroom Survey
- · YAA, Whitehorse: Farmers' Market
- YAA, Whitehorse Training Team Management
- YAA, Whitehorse Agricultural Awareness
- · Cal Waddington: PSA's
- · Ken Gies:Organic Verification Officer
- Shelly Dalziel Perennial Shrub/Show Garden
- YAA, Whitehorse Klondyke Harvest Fair
- YAA, Whitchorse Career Development Program
- Valerie Celuziak
 Native Plant Market Research
- · YAA, Whitehorse: Ag. Policy Review
- · Rod Tait: Potato Trials
- Eric Huggard: Yukon Farmers Almanac
- 4-H Yukon Human Resource Development
- 4-H Yukon Infrastructure Development
- YAA, Whitehorse 3rd Circumpolar Conference
- Wolf Eberlien
 Sheep Meat Development
- Patricia Smith, Horse Care in the North
- Tony Hill, YTG Ag. Branch Yukon Gardeners Manual
- Dawn Mitchell From Seeds to Harvest



Completed CARD Projects to date

- Community Garden
- · Potato Trials
- · Radio PSA's
- · Organic Verification Officer
- · Wild Mushroom Survey
- Circumpolar Conference
- · Farmers' Market
- · Klondyke Harvest Fair
- · Community Granary

The final reports from these projects are available at the YAA, Whitehorse Office.

THANK YOU TO THE CARD COMMITTEE:

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Dorine Girouard, YAA, Whsc.
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This was not an easy task, and we want you to know that your professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm did not go unnoticed. Again, Thank you.

CARD II By: Dorine Girouard

CARD II is a collaboration between the Western and Northern CARD Councils under the auspices of the CARD Program with representation including:

Greg Hast Dorine Girouard Ben Doerksen Marilyn Thomas Mich Ozeroff Les Jacobsen NWT Yukon BC Alberta Saskatchewan Manitoba The YAA Council is currently working with the Western & Northern CARD Councils on obtaining funds for CARD II. A recommendation was made the Regional Councils of Northwest Territories and Yukon continue to be funded by a significantly increased amount, ' off the' top' of total CARD Regional Funding, and that the distribution of the remaining funds post 1999 be based on the percentage of Farm Cash Receipts. The other members of the Western & Northern CARD II Council recognize the unique difference which the Territories play in comparisons to the provinces. Such as the fact that we are in the beginning stages of developing agriculture as a viable industry in the North and require infrastructure and stabilization in order to develop.

Including how much money should be allotted, time frame for disbursement, what projects you would like to see taking place in the Yukon and any changes you would like to see implemented should be sent to the YAA, Whitehorse Office Box 4703 Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3V7 Phone: (867)668-6864

Suggestions on CARD II:

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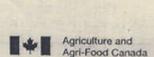


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The YAA, Whitehorse has a 30'x 40'
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Yukon Agricultural Association Membership Questionnaire

Please reply by:FAX to 393-3566
E Mail: yukonag@internorth.com
Mail: Box 4703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3V7

The Association would like to get your point of view regarding specific issues and concerns. Please take a few minutes to fill out and fax this questionnaire.

Thank-you, for taking the time to FAX your comments to us, we look forward to your input.

How long have you been a YAA member?										
YAA holds general meetings once a month. Are you aware of these meetings? Yes No										
Have you ever attended a general meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No										
Do you have an agricultural plot? ☐ Yes ☐ No										
If yes, what is/are your interests.										
Are you considering getting an agricultural plot? ☐ Yes ☐ No										
If yes, what will be your interests.										
Are you aware of YAA's involvement in;										
Trade Show	□Yes	□No		Klondike Harvest Fair	□Yes	□No				
Farmers Market	□Yes	□No		Agri-Plex	□Yes	□No				
Canada Day	□Yes	□No		Circumpolar Conference	□Yes	□No				
Raffle	□Yes	□No		Whitehorse Fair Grounds	□Yes	□No				
Ag. Policy Review	□Yes	□No		CARD I	□Yes	□No				
CARD II	□Yes	□No		Education Progams	□Yes	ПNо				
If you would like to volunteer to help us in any of the events listed above just circle it and add you name and phone number, we will be in touch										
The Canadian Adaptation of Rural Development Fund (CARD), enables people involved in the agricultural										
industry access to funding to help with agriculture projects that will benefit their communities.										
Are you aware of this fund? Yes No If yes, did you submit a proposal Yes No										
Are you interested in submitting a proposal for CARD II Yes No										
WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!										
If you would like to enclose any additional comments, concerns or suggestions we encourage you to do so.										
NAME: PHONE NUMBER:										

COMING EVENTS MEETINGS

Yukon Agricultural Association Whitehorse Chapter

meetings are held every third Wednesday of the
Month @ 7:30 pm
Board Room, 302 Steele Street
T.C. Richards Building
Call: 668-6864

The next Klondyke Harvest Fair Meeting is set for January 20, 1999 @ 12:00 in the T.C. Richards Board Room EVERYONE WELCOME



A New Committee is being formed.

The Whitehorse Fairgrounds Committee is

looking for the participation of all agricultural organizations to send a representative to sit on this new committee.

A meeting has been set for November 28,1998 Saturday from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the T.C. Richard Board Room Please Call the YAA, Whitehorse Office @ 668-6864

Training the Trainers Workshop

November 28, 1998

This is a Canadian Farm Business Council Initiative

This course will cover the basics of the Internet, as well as more advanced features

Call 668-6864 for times and locations