

The Plow Boy

Farm Review



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The Plow Boy provides news on the
activities of YAA chapters in
Whitehorse, Dawson and Mayo.

Canadian Agriculture and Food Awareness Celebration

The week of October 10th to 13th was Canadian Agriculture and Food Awareness Week and Monday, October 16th was World Food Day.

The purpose of this celebration was to promote agriculture and agri-based businesses, and to provide increased awareness of locally produced food, and food related products.

In the spirit of the event, the Yukon Agricultural Association and the Department of Agriculture organized a day long information session at the Elijah Smith Building on Friday, October 13th.

Fair Trade Coffee was provided by Bean North, Midnight Sun Gallery and Gifts brought luscious fudge, delicious wild game sausage from Yukon Meat and Sausage was served as well as other assorted pastries and snacks.

Other participants included Rod Tait who brought his potatoes from Haines Junction, Merilee Irwin had organic farming practices information, Ford Farms brought elk products, Smoked Char was supplied by Circle A Enterprises, as well as Yukon Spring Water. Tomatoes and peppers were supplied by Harmony Farms, Aroma Borealis brought a herbal basket and Herb Croteau brought Midnight Sun Plant Food. John Lenart from Dawson City brought his apples, veggies and a humongous squash was brought by Roy Ness, dill vinegars and elk products were provided by Barb Drury, there was local light and dark honey from Freeman Apiaries, beer was provided by Yukon Brewery and Charlene Clark who is a nutritionist supplied information on the Canada Food Guide.

Most participants donated their non-perishable items to the silent auction being held during the North of 60° Conference on November 3rd & 4th at the Gold Rush Inn in Whitehorse.

Your generosity and support were most appreciated.

YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bill Drury

This is the second time I've been president of the Yukon Agricultural Association. The first time, I was elected. This time, Dorine Girouard, who had been President for five years, resigned. So here I am again.

I would like to thank Dorine for all she did for the Association. Her hard work and dedication has meant that we now have a full time office manager, Deborah Cassidy, and that we are recipients and managers of many federal and territorial agricultural funds such as Canadian Adaptation & Rural Development Fund I & II, the Yukon Education training and Trust Fund, the Canadian Farm Business Management Council monies, Environmental Awareness Fund, Etc. Our office is responsible for accessing over \$500,000 for the years 1999 and 2000. Dorine's organizational skills and enthusiasm are greatly missed, and we thank her for her commitment to YAA.

What I find interesting, my second time around, is that the same issues which were in the forefront my first time as President, are still in the forefront today: the availability of agricultural land! Residential land! Residential agricultural land! There have been 5 different governments: Conservative, NDP, Yukon Party and NDP twice. No matter what the political stripe, the policies surrounding the land issue remain ambiguous at best.

They say 2% of the Yukon has agricultural potential. 2% of 186,000 square miles is 3,720 square miles or 2,380,800 acres. We are farming less than 1% of our potential... about the size of 5 big grain farms in Saskatchewan. And Saskatchewan still has a forest industry, wildlife resource, tourism industry and miles and miles of wilderness.

We must work to develop this potential, in partnership with other resource users. We are not going to compete with Saskatchewan for grain production, or P.E.I. for potatoes, Ontario for tobacco or B.C. for apples. What is our advantage? Can we capitalize on it and remain environmentally sustainable? I think the answer is "Yes".

I am sure some of our members have an opinion on this or other issues. Let us know. I would welcome your input. Don't forget to renew your membership!

WHAT IS THE YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION?



YAA is a non-profit organization, committed to fostering and promoting Yukon Agriculture and to providing information concerning agricultural issues to association members and the Yukon public.

We manage and administer a number of funding programs: Canadian Adaptation & Rural Development Fund, Yukon Education Training Trust Fund, Canadian Farm Business Management Fund, Environmental Awareness Fund, etc.

YAA participates in, or organizes several events throughout the year: Canadian and Agriculture Food Celebration Week, Canada Day, Farmers Markets, the Trade Show, etc., with our biggest event being the Klondyke Harvest Fair, held in late August.

Our main source of funding is a combination of various government funding programs, such as the CARD fund, Lotteries Canada, Renewable Resources, CAFC, etc. We also rely heavily on the much appreciated sponsorship of the various businesses and individuals who so generously donate goods, monies or time toward our events. Without local support we would not be able to accomplish all that we do.

We have an office conveniently located in the T.C. Richards Building at 302 Steele Street with friendly and efficient staff who are always willing to help.

Information and application forms for the programs we administer are available at the office. At present, our newsletter "The Plow Boy" is published twice a year and is mailed to each member. Membership fees are \$20.00 per year.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2000							DECEMBER 2000							JANUARY 2001						
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NOVEMBER

- Oct 30 - Nov 5 National 4-H Week
- Nov 3 - 4 North of 60° Agriculture Conference
Gold Rush Inn, Whitehorse
- Nov 1 YAA Whitehorse - Executive Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 12:00-2:00
- Nov 15 YAA Whitehorse - General Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 6:30-9:00
- Nov 22 Downtown Urban Gardeners AGM
Maryhouse - 6:30

DECEMBER

- Dec 6 YAA Whitehorse - Executive Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 12:00-2:00
- Dec 20 YAA Whitehorse - General Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 6:30-9:00

JANUARY

- Jan 3 YAA Whitehorse - Executive Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 12:00-2:00
- Jan 17 YAA Whitehorse - General Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 6:30-9:00

FEBRUARY

- Feb 7 YAA Whitehorse - Executive Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 12:00-2:00
- Feb 21 YAA Whitehorse - General Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 6:30-9:00

MARCH

- Mar 7 YAA Whitehorse - Executive Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 12:00-2:00
- Mar 21 YAA Whitehorse - General Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 6:30-9:00

APRIL

- Apr 4 YAA Whitehorse - Executive Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 12:00-2:00
- Apr 18 YAA Whitehorse - General Meeting
T.C. Richards Bldg - 6:30-9:00

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DAWSON - KLONDYKE VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

by Karen Fisher

- We held a "Sunflowers by Kids" contest this year. We supplied the seeds and distributed them in April and plants were judged during the 2nd weed of August. Awards were given out in conjunction with the Klondike Visitors Association Yard Awards at the Discovery Days Festival. The kids were enthusiastic and we look forward to doing this again next year.
- The Garden Market, operated on Saturdays at the stall on Front Street, had another successful season. Maybe next year we will have more members participating.
- Dawne Mitchell held another successful "From Seeds to Harvest" class with 6-8 students. Classes ran from April to early September. The students had fun, learned lots and enjoyed the "fruits of their labour".
- MaryAnn Davis got a good start on her "Saskatoon/Juneberry Trials" this year. It will take a year or two to see if they winter over and eventually produce fruit in our climate.
- One of the features at the Food Awareness Celebration, held October 13th at the Elijah Smith Building, was apples grown by John Lenart, who lives in the Klondike Valley. He has been growing apples for over ten years and has recently expanded his trials with the help of a CARD grant. At present, the orchard contains approximately twenty fruit-bearing trees six to ten feet tall and over a hundred young trees 1-3 years old. With the help of the grant, many new varieties of shrubs, fruit and ornamental trees are being grown and tested for their suitability in the Territory.

If you have any questions or are interested in fur-



ther information, contact:

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- All our other members in our chapter kept very busy with families, family gardens, livestock and jobs.

MAYO - STEWART VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

by Norma Mease

Well, winter is here! What happened to summer this year? As everyone knows, it was a very wet season. The Gardens loved it, but so did the weeds.

Mayo had a Farmer's Market in May that was well attended. It was held at the Ball Park this time so the kids had lots of room to run around.



Tony Hill and Art Hutchison came up in August for the judging of gardens, greenhouses and yards. They even had sunshine for it.

On September 11th, a tired Dave Beckman (he'd just run in the Skagway to Whitehorse run) drove up to attend our Pig Barbecue and award ribbons and cash prizes to the winners.

The winners were as follows:

Home Grounds

- 1st - Joyce & Roland Ronaghan
- 2nd - Wendy Andre
- 3rd - Brian Lacey
- Special Mention - Jean Gordon for Best Garden Gate

Home Garden

- 1st - Gord & Audrey White
- 2nd - Ralph & Norma Mease
- 3rd - Linda & Dennis Heasley
- Special Mention - Mary Persinger - Pumpkin roots in greenhouse with vines outside, space economy

Greenhouse

- 1st - Brian Lacey
- 2nd - Gord & Audrey White
- 3rd - Ralph & Norma Mease
- 3 tied for 4th place: Johnson & Bella Peter, Joyce & Roland Ronaghan and Wendy Andre



Have a good winter and rest up for next year!

WARMING UP WINTER

by Bev Gray

Winter can be a time of slowing down, introspection and hibernation. Cold weather and short days test our physical and emotional endurance and we must make an extra effort to bring sunshine into our lives. Here's a few recipes that help keep my family healthy and hardy Yukoners through the winter.

Ginger Ail

When the cold or flu bug is catching up to you, make up this tea and drink it a few times a day.

- 4 C. water
- 1/2 C. grated ginger root
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1/2 C. lowbush cranberries
- 1/2 C. rosehips
- juice of 1 lemon
- 3 tsp. Honey
- Dash of cayenne pepper

Combine ingredients, bring to a boil, then simmer for 15 minutes.

Autumn Harvest

A great everyday tea, high in Vitamin C. We like to make it in large batches so we can drink it instead of juice.

- 4 C. water
- 2 C. rosehips
- 5 hibiscus flowers
- pinch of lemon grass
- pinch of nettle leaves
- pinch of peppermint leaves
- organic orange peel to taste

Bring water and rosehips slowly to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Turn off heat, add remaining herbs and let steep for 15 more minutes.

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DUGS

by Joan Craig

Downtown Urban Gardeners Society (DUGS), completed the third growing season at 7th Avenue and Ray Street. There are 18 family sized plots, each 16' x 24', two narrow plots, 16' x 2', and three plots, 20' x 24' for the food security agencies (Maryhouse, Second Opinion Society, Womens' Centre, etc.)

In May 2000, two large log beds were built for students in Grades 4 and 5 at Whitehorse Elementary School. The staff and teachers in the French Immersion classes and DUGS' director, Eve Camolli, helped the students select seeds, prepare soil and bedding plants, collect compostable material and make compost and fill the log beds with suitable growing soil.

In early June, bedding plants were set out, seeds and potatoes planted. The bed were tended over the summer by staff members of Whitehorse Elementary School. The vegetables were harvested in September by the students.

Beets, potatoes, lettuce, swiss chard, zucchini and rhubarb were taken back to school and prepared for meals and snacks. The students were so enthusiastic about the garden despite small reversals such as gophers eating some of the plants.

A 'nibbler's row' was planted outside the fence along 7th Avenue. Students from a class at F.H. Collins prepared pea and carrot seeds, and pressed soil blocks, which they planted into the nibbler's row two weeks later. Raspberry canes, cauliflower and flowering herbs made a colourful border. In August, passers-by helped themselves to the berries and peas. It is our hope that the garden raiders will respect the individual family plots produce when the opportunity to taste the harvest is available in the nibbler's row.

Students in the Y2C2 summer program assisted the DUGS program in July 2000. They weeded and edged the nibbler's row garden and restored a heritage rockery around the gazebo. Many of the rocks in the rockery were gathered many years ago in the Whitehorse Copper Belt. Seeds from native plants, growing on the clay cliffs, were collected and planted between the rocks. Funds were received for the heritage rockery from the Yukon Foundation, Jan Montgomery Fund.

A west side fence, to give some protection is being erected. The fencing was donated by Trans North Helicopters and labour given by the young people at Youth Services. The bobcat work, fence posts and cement were funded by the Yukon Agricultural Association Education and Training Trust Fund.

A large (2' x 2' x 100') trench was dug with the bobcat. The spent yard waste was set in the bottom for trench composting. The spent brassica leaves, potato tops, rhubarb leaves, etc. were covered with sifted material from digging the trench. Students from F.H. Collins helped sift much of the clay/sand material. This fall has been warm, so the students worked until mid-October to complete this task.

We've already received requests for more plots next year. We have nine city lots with plenty of room for expansion, but the AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND LABOUR FOR DEVELOPMENT MAY HINDER OUR PROGRESSION.

Despite the inclement weather and the gophers, we had a great season and hope to continue next year.

The DUGS AGM will be Wednesday, November 22 starting with a potluck supper at 6:30 at Maryhouse, located at 6th Avenue and Cook Street. All gardeners and interested people are welcome.



NORTH OF 60° AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

by Dave Beckman



The 13th Annual North of 60° Agriculture Conference is to be held in Whitehorse at the Gold Rush Inn on November 3rd and 4th, 2000. This

conference has been offered on an annual basis for 13 years and has become a main forum in which new ideas and technology is presented in sectors of agriculture. In Addition, it is an excellent opportunity for farmers, growers and producers to get together and share ideas and northern techniques in agriculture. The fall conference usually focuses on forages, livestock, grains, game farming, etc.

Five years ago the Agriculture Branch started to offer a second conference, which is usually held in February or early March. The winter conference tends to focus more on gardening, green housing, horticulture, etc. This conference is also about sharing ideas, new techniques and innovations.

*** FREE! ***

**KLONDYKE
HARVEST FAIR
COMMEMORATIVE
POSTER**

by Chris Caldwell

Refer a new member to the Yukon Agricultural Association and receive a FREE Chris Caldwell poster. Offer available while supplies last.

Contact the Yukon Agricultural Association for details.

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IS IT REALLY ORGANIC?

by Marilee Irwin, Organic Inspector

There are many foodstuffs offered for sale that are labeled "Organic, organically Grown, Pesticide-free or Natural". Other foods (mainly processed, such as breakfast cereals) are labeled "Grown according to the standards of CCOF, Oregon Tilth, or the Federal Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, etc." Are these foods truly organic, or is this a marketing ploy to justify higher prices and entice unwary buyers? Many are what they claim to be, whether vegetable, fruit, meat or processed food. Some, on the other hand, are not.

When you purchase an organic food, the surest way to safeguard against false claims is to check the label for the name or logo of the certification agency. There are many around the world. Some of the most commonly found agencies on locally sold foods are:

- QAI (Quality Assurance International)
- FVO (Farm Verified Organic)
- Oregon Tilth, CCOF (California Certified Organic Farmers)
- COABC (Certified Organic Associations of B.C. - logo is a checkmark)

There are many others as well. Some packages may show the producer's grower number as well. These foods are Certified Organic. This means the land, facilities and animals have been third-party inspected to ensure that the standards of the agency have been met or exceeded by the producer. Without this assurance, you are merely taking someone's word that what they produced is truly organic. This is not a concern when you are buying from someone you know and trust, but how many of us know the producers from California, Mexico and B.C.?

Presently, in the Yukon, there are no certified organic producers. The closest to us is a market gardener in Atlin, B.C. whose produce is only available occasionally in the summer. There are many producers locally who are growing organically to the best of their ability, but none have felt the need for certification as yet. It is up to you, the consumer, to decide what you want to buy, and your decisions will affect what is available.

If you have any questions about organic production, please call Marilee Irwin at 668-7773.



4-H YUKON

4-H Canada, our national organization, has an agricultural base. It began in Roland, Manitoba in 1913 as a community-based organization dedicated to the growth and development of rural youth. Today's 4-H focuses on developing well-rounded, responsible and independent citizens.

4-H Yukon is a non-profit organization dedicated to rural and urban youth. We strive to develop the skills in our youth and volunteers to enable them to develop as individuals; to enhance their leadership skills, to encourage self-awareness and responsibility, and to invoke a sense of citizenship and commitment to the community and their country. We try to promote values of self-reliance, self-confidence and learning by doing in an exciting and challenging club environment.

4-H Yukon has been running in the territory since 1981 and serves as the umbrella organization for 4-H clubs around the territory. 4-H Yukon is responsible for programs such as public speaking, demonstrations, judging and travel opportunities for 4-H members, while clubs concentrate on individual projects. In the past, 4-H clubs have worked primarily with horses and dogs, but we have now expanded to include sewing, rabbits, small engines and even skipping projects.

4-H Yukon is entirely volunteer-based, and receives no ongoing government funding. We are currently engaged in developing a sponsorship plan to ensure that we are able to continue to offer quality programs to our members, and to grow and develop new programs that remain relevant to our changing membership. Individuals or corporate sponsors interested in supporting Yukon youth are encouraged to contact 4-H Yukon to discuss how that may be best accomplished. While financial donations are always welcomed. In-kind support can also be invaluable. Sponsorship may be of 4-H Yukon in general, or may be directed toward a particular event. Current events that may be sponsored include:

- 4-H Yukon Territorial Public Speaking Competition
- 4-H Yukon Territorial Demonstration Competition
- 4-H Yukon Kid's Camp
- 4-H Yukon Judging Rally
- Record Book Competition
- Various travel opportunities for 4-H leaders and members (usually to B.C.)

The youth of today will be the leaders of our communities in the future. The programs we offer through 4-H will ensure that they have the skills and strengths to take on challenging roles. We believe that the youth that participate in 4-H today will be the leaders of strong healthy families, successful businesses, and active in leading their communities in the future. We encourage you to support this investment in our future.

AGRICULTURE QUIZ

from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

1. Wheat is Canada's largest agricultural export. Which country is our largest buyer?
Australia China United States
2. In Canada, the agri-food industry accounts for:
1 in 7 jobs 1 in 15 jobs 1 in 25 jobs
3. What percentage of disposable income do Canadians spend on food?
0% to 10% 10% to 20% 20% +
4. Where does the agri-food industry rank in terms of size among Canadian industries?
top 5 top 10 top 20
5. Which of the following were developed in Canada?
Marketing frozen Canola McIntosh apple
food commercially

answers on page 9

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AN ALASKA GARDENER'S WINTER CHECKLIST

by Wayne Vandre, Horticulture Specialist & Marion Stirrup, Kodiak Gardener
from www.uaf.edu/coop-ext/publications/anrpubs.html

1. Investigate new plant varieties in seed catalogs.

Try only one or two new varieties each year and compare them with others that have been consistently dependable. The Cooperative Extension Service has publications available on recommended varieties of vegetables and fruits.

2. Go over the summer's experiences in your mind; record thoughts.

A garden diary can be a valuable record of successes and failures and the causes for each. Use this information to improve your garden next year.

3. Build or plan projects for next season.

Spring is usually a very busy time. Accomplish as much as possible in the winter to make spring less hectic. Boxes, hangers, cold frames, and indoor lighting may all be projects that can be accomplished indoors during the winter.

4. Improve and organize your food storage facilities.

Determine storage requirements for each crop that you grow. Temperature and humidity control are important. Don't forget space requirements differ too!

5. Collect containers and protective covers for seedlings.

Empty milk jugs or cartons, metal food cans, and coffee cans are all potentially usable as hotcaps for protecting newly transplanted crops and as collars to prevent pest problems.

6. Try out new recipes for stored produce.

Tasty, fresh and nutritious produce is the reward of your gardening efforts. Obtain recipes from your local Cooperative Extension Service office. Trade recipes with friends and neighbors.

7. Save wood ashes.

This is not only a way to recycle waste but using wood ashes will reduce the requirements for lime on a two-to-one ratio.

8. Cut brush and branches for peas, beans, and tall flowers.

Using naturally available materials for

trellising can reduce the overall cost of gardening.

9. Avoid applying salt to paths and roadways near plants.

Use urea or other fertilizer which can benefit plants next spring. Apply sparingly since fertilizers contain salts also. Sand or other inert material can be a good alternative.

10. Collect and use kitchen scraps.

Egg shells, coffee grounds, and fruit and vegetable scraps (no meats, fats, and salad dressings) can be added to the compost pile and will be recycled into the garden for later use.

11. Swap gardening stories and information. Study insects, birds, plants diseases, and gardening techniques.

Successful gardening requires constant learning. Use the benefit of another gardener's experience and utilize books, magazines, and Cooperative Extension Service newsletters and publications.

12. Keep track of what you're buying in the store and see how you could replace it with homegrown produce.

Gardening not only provides you with nutritious alternatives to store bought vegetables but you know what conditions they were grown in from seeding to harvest. Cost, freshness, and quality are areas of concern for all consumers.

13. Look into resources at the Extension Service and library.

This may include not only written sources of information but gardening classes and workshops that cover all aspects of gardening from a local perspective.

14. Garden indoors in pots and tubs.

Be aware of the plant requirements for light and temperature. Winter produce is a real treat.

15. Observe. Take notes. Rest. Dream.

Looking forward to spring can make the winters seem shorter. Plan ahead so that next spring's garden will be the best one yet. Next year's garden and seed catalogs will soon be here.



HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HAY THIS SUMMER?

by Barbara Drury



This was some summer for hay farmers, wasn't it? If you are part of this group, you will know the frustration of seeing overcast skies, and rain, day after day after day all through the months of August and September (not to mention the second half of July). We had the wettest August in decades, and it seemed like the coldest summer in years. My husband Bill keeps the weather records for Environment Canada, and the warmest temperature he recorded this summer was 26C!!!! And that was only one day!!!!

It became apparent sometime in September that summer weather was never going to happen, and so Bill Drury and Dave Andrew of the Yukon Agriculture Association asked the Agriculture Branch about the possibilities of "disaster relief" for hay farmers that had lost most of all of their crop.

Dave Beckman and Art Hutchinson have been looking into the possibility of compensation for hard-hit farmers, and we hope to be able to report soon that this will be a reality.

THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL RURAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

This program was established to enhance the sustainability of agricultural rural communities, particularly those affected by changes in the agricultural sector.

This funding program is available to Canadian individuals, organizations, rural groups and cooperatives; municipal governments and their agencies; Aboriginal and Metis groups; women's and youth groups, farm and agri-food organizations and educational institutions.

For more information contact:

Website: www.agr.ca/cari

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Brochures are available from the Yukon Agricultural Association
202 - 302 Steele Street, Whitehorse

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CANADA DAY 2000

by Rosie Drury



The Yukon Agricultural Association participated in Canada Day events at Rotary

Park. The weather was bright and windy and there was mention of rain. The floats were colourful and imaginative and overall there was a good turn out.

This year was a bit different than the previous Canada Day celebrations. In the past the Association has entered a tractor and a trailer laden with kiddies and straw. This year Abby Kosmenko dressed up as a chicken and Rosie Drury dressed up as cow mingling with the crowds of people passing out bags with Canada Day flags and pins and candy.

Ibex Valley Greenhouse supplied seedlings for the event. There were asters, petunias, summer squash, basil, hot peppers and pansies to keep "Canada Growing".

Next year, weather permitting the Association will have a float entered into the parade.



GREENHOUSE GARDENING

by Wayne Vandre, Horticulture Specialist
from www.uaf.edu/coop-ext/publications/anrpubs.html

Greenhouse gardening throughout Alaska is common and provides many advantages over outdoor gardening. The advantages include extending the relatively short growing season, increasing the choice of fruits and vegetables that can be grown, controlling the planting environment, and increasing production when compared to outdoor gardening, as well as being able to grow crops that do not do well in our colder soils.

The following questions and answers deal with subjects of interest to many newcomers in Alaska.

Q. What must I do to protect my greenhouse during the winter?

A. The design of the roof should allow accumulating snow to slide off, or the design should be able to withstand the additional weight. Some greenhouse growers eliminate this risk by using an inexpensive polyethylene cover that they remove at the end of each season. In some areas Alaska winds can be very destructive to exposed greenhouses. Important factors to consider are proper site location, anchoring the structure, constructing a strong frame, and securely fastening the cover.

Q. What crops are commonly grown in Alaska home greenhouses?

A. The most popular crops are tomatoes and cucumbers. Using your greenhouse to produce these

warm season crops that are not easily grown in outdoor gardens is the best reason to have a greenhouse. Other warm season crops commonly grown include peppers, eggplants, beans and sweetcorn. Sweetcorn, however requires a large amount of space for the amount of production returned.

Q. Can I use a greenhouse for growing plants year round?

A. The additional lighting and heating costs necessary for maintaining plant growth usually prohibits operating a greenhouse in winter. Supplemental heating is often used in the early spring to maintain warmer temperatures at night. This can increase growing costs substantially, especially in outlying areas where fuel and electricity costs are higher.

Q. What is the best method of growing in Alaska greenhouses – beds, benches, or containers?

A. Beds can be less costly and provide more vertical growing space, but have the disadvantage that the soil warms more slowly in the spring, delaying plant growth initially. Benches provide a warmer, well drained situation at a convenient working height. Containers offer the advantages of portability and the option of changing soil conditions for individual plants.

Q. What insects can I expect to invade my Alaska greenhouse?

A. You are likely to encounter the same pests as in other states. A greenhouse environment reduces the influence of the external environment, but transporting soil, plants, and greenhouse equipment into the greenhouse increases the likelihood of transferring pests. Common pests include aphids, whiteflies and spider mites.

Q. Will I have to heat my greenhouse during the summer?

A. In most situations, ventilation is the most important environmental control during the summer. Proper ventilation reduces humidity, prevents excessive heating and replenishes carbon dioxide. It may be helpful to have a source of supplemental heat available for low night temperatures early and late in the season.

Q. Where can I get additional information on greenhouse gardening for Alaska?

A. The University of Alaska Fairbanks Alaska Cooperative Extension has a number of publications on greenhouse construction, management and recommended plant varieties. You may also obtain additional information from other greenhouse owners and sales outlets throughout the state.

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MAPPING THE FUTURE WITH THE WESTERN AGRI-FOOD INSTITUTE



The Western Agri-Food Institute (WAFI) is a think tank created by the Canadian Agricultural and Rural Development program.

It was created to answer the need for dependable, well researched information to assist

in planning for the future of agri-food, agriculture and rural community development. It consists of representatives from CARD councils from the four western provinces, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

The vision is to ensure the viability of the agricultural industry and the rural communities. This includes the North, where the agricultural industry is small, but growing, and well may become considerably more important, given the continuing weakness of some of the industrial sectors; namely mining and forestry.

In considering the desirability of forming such a think tank, it was considered that this particular effort is not being made by any present agency or group.

The purposes and style are expressed below:

- Profiling all perspectives on relevant issues and trends, identifying the threats and opportunities they pose for the region, and analyzing the type and range of actions that can advance our agri-food industry and rural communities.
- Scanning and interpreting high quality information gathered from other organizations around the world;
- Designing and managing original research projects, both independently and through strategic partnerships;
- Disseminating easily understood information through electronic networks, as well as in print and through conferences and workshops;
- Catalyzing action within and beyond our community of interest.

To achieve our mandate, we will begin tracking and monitoring global trends in seven distinct, yet highly interconnected areas that we believe will play a significant role in shaping the future of agriculture and the rural landscape:

- The Changing Worldview
- The Ecological Challenge
- The Technical Revolution
- The Changing Social Paradigm
- New Power Structures and Rules of the Games
- The Changing Global Marketplace
- Adapting to Structural Change

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CANADA'S NORTHERN BOUNTY OFFERS CULINARY TREATS DESPITE LATITUDINAL CHALLENGES

from "The Globe and Mail"
October 13, 2000

When you think of where agricultural products come from, most people think of the grain fields in the west, the horticulture and dairy farms of Ontario, hog farms in Quebec and potato fields on Prince Edward Island. Many Canadians, however, are unaware of the agricultural activity happening north of the 60-degree latitude line. Poultry, livestock, grain and horticulture farms all exist in our sub-arctic region.

How does anything grow in a climate where temperatures can plummet to minus 50 degrees Celsius in the winter and frost-free periods can be as short as 20 days in the summer? Long hours of daylight during the summer promotes rapid growth, compensating for the cooler temperatures.

Granted, agriculture in the Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut Territories is small in comparison with the rest of the country, but the sector is growing. For example, between 1986 and 1996, the number of farms in the Yukon increased by 400 per cent—from 38 farms to 160. The value of agricultural sales soared to \$3.9 million—an increase of 600 per cent! As well the land for crops increased by 300 per cent to 6,261 hectares.

Land is being developed for agricultural use and particular attention is being paid to environmental and wildlife concerns. Producers are filling a demand for high-quality produce and crops grown in a safe and wholesome environment. As demand for local, fresh or organic produce and livestock increases, this will allow the northern agricultural sector to develop even further.

ANSWERS TO AGRICULTURE QUIZ

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- 1) China; 2) 1 in 7 jobs; 3) 0% to 10%;
4) top 5; 5) marketing frozen food commercially, Canola, McIntosh apple



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GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS

by Dorine Girouard

"You are what you eat" - this saying has been in the works for years. So exactly what are you buying to feed your family and your animals?

Foods obtained through genetic modification can be foods obtained from a plant, animal or micro-organism that has had its inherent traits intentionally manipulated so as to offer some advantages to mankind examples include canola, corn, potatoes and soy beans.

Some of the more traditional uses of biotechnology include the use of microbes such as bacteria or fungi in the manufacture of cheese, wine and antibiotics.

There are now over 40 foods developed through biotechnology approved by Health Canada.

One of them, corn, is found in over 25 percent of foods sold in an average grocery store.

What would this mean to you as a consumer? What choices would it provide? What would it mean for our supply of foods from the United States where such laws does not exist?

What does it mean to you that the biotech industry intends to genetically engineer all our food within the next 5 to 10 years?

The need for mandatory labeling for matters of health and safety is clear, in regards to safety of all foods developed using biotechnology before they enter the marketplace.

Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) carry joint responsibility for federal food labeling policies in Canada under the Food and Drug Act.

When talking Generic Engineered foods were talking of real life choices about the future of our food supply, which is too precious a thing to PLOW ahead without taking the necessary steps to ensure our food is safe to eat.

This is not a health issue alone but a right to know-it is a food safety issue,- it is an environmental issue,- it is an ethical and moral issue.

It is also an economic issue that will affect our ability to trade with other countries.

We as farmers have a right to know what will impact the future of our livelihood.

Farmers are dedicated to active environmental stewardship to help our lands continue to flourish for Generations to come.

As farmers, we face uncertainty every day - with the weather, over federal and territorial farm programs, and over international trade agreements.

The last thing farmers need is the uncertainty of whether we will have a market, foreign or

domestic, for what we grow.

If none of the benefits claimed by the biotech industry trickles down to the production end of agriculture, it will be the farmer ending up as the loser.

The bottom line, in my view, is that we are confronted with the most powerful technology the world has ever known.

Since 1995, Canada and other countries have produced a variety of genetically modified food crops, textile crops and animal feeds. Canada has approved 42 genetic modifications.

In addition, a wider variety of foods and food products are available to Canadians through international trade.

"Canadians enjoy a safe food system that is envied around the world. Part of the reason for this is that we continue to consult with Canadians.

Canada is the only country in the world to take such an inclusive approach to the issue of labeling of foods derived from biotechnology." Said Minister Vanclief.

Over 100 organizations made up of consumer groups, food companies, producers, environmental groups, general interest groups and government, were invited to participate in the process, representing a diverse range of interests and views.

These groups will be working with The Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors (CCGD) and the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) to make up the Standard Committee which will develop a voluntary labeling standards for foods derived from Biotechnology, that the food industry can use to meet consumer demands.

This voluntary labeling project is receiving funding support from the federal government's Agri-Food Trade 2000 Fund.

Canada is proud of its reputation for having a safe food supply, and we want to continue to live up to that reputation.

The British Medical Association has called a moratorium on all commercial planting of transgenic crops.

The European and Japanese food industry is refusing genetic engineered (GE) exports unless these products are segregated and labeled properly. Austria and Norway are fighting to be biotech-free zones.

Under the Food and Drug Act mandatory labeling must occur for all foods, including those derived from biotechnology.

Both Health Canada and Canadian Food In-

spection Agency carry joint responsibility for federal food labeling policies in Canada.

Canada is a member of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, an international standards-setting body for food.

The Codex standards have been recognized by the World Trade Organization as a basis for trade agreements, and as such are becoming increasingly important for countries wishing to trade internationally.

Through the Food Labeling Committee, which is chaired by Canada, Codex is developing guidelines for the labeling of foods derived from biotechnology.

The departments responsible for regulating agricultural products of biotechnology have involved stakeholders in the development of guidelines and regulations.

Family farmers in India and Africa are pre-launching campaigns to protect their country from GE technologies that could destroy their indigenous agriculture.

Organic Farmers are struggling to prevent contamination of their crops by GE pollen blowing onto their fields from neighboring farms.

While labeling alone is just one step in transparency necessary to assure honest communication from the biotech industry, it is a bare-minimum ethical necessity.

I for one do not want to be compromised in my food choices and I am sure you feel the same.

It is our government's responsibility to ensure safe food's for us the consumer.

It is our responsibility to our self and our children to ensure that they do.

What we need to do is grow food in such a way that the people doing the growing and the people doing the eating truly benefit from the technology that is used to increase their food production.

For more information, check these websites:
<http://cbac.gc.ca/english/workplan/gmfood.aro>
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www.cfia-acia.agr.ca
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FALL 2000

The Circumpolar Agriculture Association (CAA) and the Yukon Agricultural Association (YAA) are currently assisting Iceland planning the

4th Circumpolar Agricultural Conference

For further information please contact the Canadian Representative and Vice President: Mr. Randy Lewis - Partner, R.L. Resource Management - Whitehorse, Yukon

Currently seeking information for:

1. Concept Development - Conference Programs
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3. Student Exchange Program Development - Sharing Accords
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5. Liaison with Northern Forum, Arctic Council, Canadian Polar Commission, Gwitchin Nations Council and Winter Cities Association as well as others
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7. Assisting the Development of University of the Arctic
8. Environmental Monitoring and Research Projects
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12. Promoting Agricultural Industry Involvement in Research
13. Hosting the Fall 2000 Planning Meeting - Yukon/Alaska/NWT
14. Identify Canadian Industry Projects to Profile at Conference

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MASTER GARDENER'S COURSE

from "InFARMation"
Fall 2000

The Agriculture Branch is hoping to hold a fourth Master Gardener's course early in the new year. For those of you that may be interested, Here's what it's all about. The basic training course involves forty hours of instruction and provides a broad background of horticultural subjects to the experienced gardener taking the course. Class subjects include plant botany and physiology, soils, plant taxonomy, outdoor and greenhouse gardening, herbs, houseplants, pests and pest control, lawns and ornamental horticulture.

The pre-requisites for becoming a Master Gardener would include a familiarity with Yukon gardening conditions and a commitment to return forty hours of volunteer time by providing gardening information to others. A certificate of completion is provided to those who attend and pass the final exam.

We hope to have a number of local experts teaching different sections of the course from the Agriculture Branch and the commercial horticulture sector. If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener and have a desire to help others enjoy the challenges of gardening in the north, call Mary-Lynn at 667-5838 to register or for more information.



KLONDYKE HARVEST FAIR 2000



The Klondyke Harvest Fair 2000 in its new location, Softball Yukon, was an exciting event and a learning experience.

Every year there are many events, such as horse and dog shows, a Bench Show where producers and hobbyists can show off their veggies and field crops, and where crafters can display their talents in needlework, art, and quilting. We must not forget the petting area where kid goats, pigs and chickens, turkeys and geese eagerly wait to meet the next curious youngster. The fair is a time for families to come together and celebrate the harvests of agriculture in the Yukon.

Planning for the Annual Klondyke Harvest Fair begins early. There are many long hours that go into the organization of the Fair. Meetings for the event start in January with the committee meeting once a month and as the fair draws closer meetings are bi-weekly and then, once a week up until the week before the fair.

The weather this summer was dismal at best and all the volunteers and participants were hoping for sunny skies and balmy breezes, sadly such was not the case, but the fair still drew a large crowd an estimated 2,500 people.

Plans are already underway for the Seventh Annual Klondyke Harvest Fair. We have lots of fresh ideas and plenty of old but good ones. If you have any ideas for the Seventh Annual Klondyke Harvest Fair or if you would like to volunteer you can contact the Yukon Agricultural Association office.

See you at the fair.



THE YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS AND SPONSORS AND JUDGES WHO HELPED MAKE THE SIXTH ANNUAL KLONDYKE HARVEST FAIR A MEMORABLE EVENT

Many thanks to the Department of Renewable Resources for their financial support. Thank you to Dave Beckman and Tony Hill and the Agriculture Branch for their years of expertise with the organization of the fair. Thanks also to the Y2C2 crew whose extra help was certainly welcome.

Thank you Northland Beverages for your financial assistance and to George Arcand for his and his staff for all your extra hands.

Thank you to the City of Whitehorse and all our sponsors. Thank you to Mike and Helen King for donating an endless supply of your delicious hot coffee for our volunteers. Thank you Jim Delabough who was kind enough to bring in some of his animals for our petting zoo and your carousel for the kiddies and the piggy that came back to the fair. Thanks to Yvonne Schuffels for supplying us with turkeys, chickens and ducks for display. Thank you Mikel Miller for organizing our entertainment for the event and to Doug Caldwell for being our MC.

A very special thank you to Dorine Girouard, Shelagh and Howard Frotten for your dedication to making our fair a huge success. And finally a thank you to Deborah Cassidy and Rosie Drury - the girls in the office who worked behind the scenes in the YAA office making sure all the deadlines were met on time for the fair.

* Fireweed Jelly *
* 6 cups fireweed petals (washed) *
* 2 tablespoons of lemon juice *
* Cover with water. *
* Bring to boil, 10 minutes *
* or until grey in colour. *
* Strain through jelly bag *
* or tea towel. *
* Add 3/4 cup white sugar *
* per cup of juice. *
* Add 2 small boxes of *
* BerNardine Pectin powder. *
* Boil 10 minutes. *
* Put in sterilized jars. Seal. *

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KLONDYKE HARVEST FAIR

Sixth Annual Bench Show Results



BENCH SHOW

Section I	Vegetables	Sponsored by Rivendell Farm	Junior Aggregate	ALAN LEBEDOFF
			Senior Aggregate	JOE MACGILLIVRAY
Section II	Flowers & Plants	Sponsored by Yukon Gardens	Junior Aggregate	ALAN LEBDOFF
			Senior Aggregate	JOY WICKETT
Section III	Farm Produce - Field Crops	Sponsored by Circle D Ranch	Senior Aggregate	N/A
Section III	Farm Produce - Other	Sponsored by Blue Bell Gardens	Senior Aggregate	JOE MACGILLIVRAY
Section IV	Traditional Native Crafts	Sponsored by S.Y.A.N.A & Indian Craft Shop Ltd.	Junior Aggregate	ANNIKA
			Jr. Runner-Up	ALISON RUSNAK
			Senior Aggregate	CINDY CAREY
			Sr. Runner-Up	GERALDINE MARIE
Section V	Preserved Foods	Sponsored by Lewes River Farms	Junior Aggregate	ALAN LEBEDOFF
			Senior Aggregate	ROSE BERNDT
Section VI	Home Baking	Sponsored by Food Fair	Junior Aggregate	GEOFFREY THOMPSON
			Senior Aggregate	AMBER RIX
Section VII	Quilting	Sponsored by Crocus Creek Quilts	Workmanship Award	CAROLYN STEELE LANE
Section VIII	Knitting	Sponsored by Folkknits	Senior Aggregate	W. WITHERSPOON
			Best Original Design	CONNIE THOMPSON
Section IX	Needlework	Sponsored by A Country Affair	Junior Aggregate	N/A
			Senior Aggregate	MARILYN WHITING
Section X	Crocheting	Sponsored by A Stitch in Time	Senior Aggregate	CONNIE THOMPSON
Section XI	Homemade Wine, Beer & Liqueur	Sponsored by U-Brew Yukon	Best Beer	BRIAN BOYLE
			Best Liqueur	N/A
			Best Wine	LUIGI ZANASI
Section XII	Special Contests			
	A. Best Livestock & Poultry Exhibit	Sponsored by Yukon Veterinary Services & Copper Road Veterinary Services	Junior Aggregate	CHARMYN HARMS
			Senior Aggregate	N/A
	B. Junior Sunflower	Sponsored by Rotary Club	Junior Aggregate	COLLEEN STINSON
	C. Pet Costumes	Sponsored by Ford Elk Farm & Duffy's Pets/Tanzilla Harness Supply	Junior Aggregate	THERESA DESJARDINS
			Senior Aggregate	SHARON ULRICH
	D. Recycled Creations	Sponsored by P & M Recycling Depot	Junior Aggregate	THERESA DESJARDINS
			Senior Aggregate	W. SWEENEY
	E. Scarecrow Competition	Sponsored by Maggie T's Contemporary Hair Design		SHELAGH FROTTEN
		Junior Grand Aggregate		ALAN LEBEDOFF
		Jr. 1st Runner-Up		DMITRI PULIDO
		Jr. 2nd Runner-Up		GEOFFREY THOMPSON
		Senior Grand Aggregate		ROSE BERNDT
		Sr. 1st Runner-Up		JOY WICKETT
		Sr. 2nd Runner-Up		BETSY TROYER

BEST GARDEN COMPETITION

Greenhouses	Sponsored by Adorna Flowers & Landscaping	1st Place	Margy McLaulin
		2nd Place	Doug Phillips
		3rd Place	Gloria Coxford & Sheila Arcand
Home Grounds	Sponsored by Decora Landscaping	1st Place	Rosemarie Berndt
		2nd Place	Doug Phillips
		3rd Place	Kelly Squire
Vegetable Gardens	Sponsored by Yukon Gardens	1st Place	Betsy Troyer
		2nd Place	Doug Phillips
		3rd Place	Rosemarie Berndt

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YUKON FARMING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

by Barbara Drury

There will be a celebration of farming in the north on November 3rd at the Beringia Centre in Whitehorse. Barbara Drury, who has been busy all summer traveling around the Yukon and taking slides of farms, ranches, gardens and greenhouses, will be presenting a slide show on Friday evening, November 3rd at 7:00 pm. She is grateful to the Yukon Millennium Fund, the Yukon Education Training and Trust Fund, and the Department of Renewable Resources Agriculture Branch for their generous support of this project.

The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 pm with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. At 7 pm the slide show will commence. There will be several guest speakers as well. Randy Lewis will introduce the evening's event with an update on the International Circumpolar Agriculture conference coming up in Iceland, and Ian Thorliefson, the Executive Director of the Canadian Venison Council and past president of the Alberta Elk Association, will round out the evening with a brief look at the exciting possibilities opening up in northern game ranching.

However, the main attraction of the evening will be the farms and farmers of the Yukon, and if you have ever wondered what others are doing in the rest of the territory, this is a show you will not want to miss! Dawson City, Mayo, Faro, Pelly Crossing, Destruction Bay, Whitehorse, Haines Junction, Tagish, Carmacks, Watson Lake, Carcross... There is a lot going on in our Yukon!

The evening is free, and open to all, and coincides with the Department of Renewable Resources annual Agriculture Symposium held at the Gold Rush Inn. The Symposium begins on Friday afternoon at 1-4pm with an Interactive Workshop on Climate Change in the North with Al Tychiewicz. Then you have plenty of time to get to the Beringia slide show "Yukon Farming into the 21st Century" for 7 pm Friday evening. Saturday workshops begin at 9 am with guest speakers Ian Thorliefson (Game Ranching), Scott Smith (Conclusions of a Two Year Sulphur Study), Denise Nielson (Fertilizer trials), Arvid Hasen (Forage), Heather Leoppe (Weed Specialist).

On Saturday evening the annual Banquet takes place at the Gold Rush Inn at 6:30 pm. Keep this weekend free on your calendar, and come and have a good time!

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the past 12 years I have been an active member, Director and President for the Yukon Agricultural Association. I have seen many changes within the organization and feel we have come a long way. I have enjoyed my most recent position as president and the challenges we have had to overcome. However, my health and other commitments in my life no longer allow me to keep up the pace as an executive member of such a growing organization.

There are some very important issues still on the table. For example; The Yukon Government's Agricultural Policy has not been amended in response to our growing concern's and to the best interest of sustainable and economic growth for the Agricultural Industry.

Yukon growers and producers are putting the "YUKON" on the map. I have found that there is something for everyone in the Agriculture industry, especially if you are serious about the future here in the Yukon. It is truly a sustainable industry with sound environmental principals, which we can all be proud of. Statistics still show that the Yukon Agriculture Community is the fastest growing industry in the Territory.

I have been proud to work on programs such as the Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development Fund (CARDP), Canadian Farm Business Management Council (CFBMC), the YAA Education Training Trust Fund, Canadian Circumpolar Committee, the Agricultural Planning and Advisory Board (APAC). I have especially enjoyed my time working with the Klondyke Harvest Fair Committees.

I thank you once again for having this opportunity to represent my industry. I believe we can all make a difference in some way or another. This is not the end however, there are even more important things for the Association to work on in the next few years. They need the support of our communities, such as an Agricultural Fair grounds that will represent all agricultural based organizations. There are policy and land questions which remain to be answered that will have an impact on the future of Yukon Agriculture for years to come.

"Thank you for all your work and support for our industry and our organization over the last dozen years. Let's keep the Yukon Growing Together with Best Wishes to everyone this upcoming Christmas Season and New Year.

Dorine Girouard

COOKING WITH HONEY

from www.millershoney.com/thinstodo.htm



How does cooking with honey differ from cooking with cane or beet sugar?

- Honey adds a sweet, smooth, and distinctive taste to recipes. It has marvelous "keeping" qualities due to its ability to absorb and retain moisture. These qualities retard drying out and staling of baked goods in which honey is an ingredient.
- Honey requires no refrigeration; store at room temperature.
- Honey will add a golden brown glaze to your baked goods. When substituting honey for sugar, reduce oven baking temperatures by 25°F to prevent over-browning.

How sweet is honey?

Measure for measure, the fructose in honey makes it sweeter than sugar. Honey at 21 calories per teaspoon -- just slightly higher than sugar -- is about 2 times as sweet.

How do I substitute honey for granulated sugar in recipes?

- Substitute honey for up to one-half of the sugar. With experimentation, honey can be substituted for all the sugar in some recipes.
- Reduce the amount of liquid in the recipe by 1/4 cup of honey used in baked goods.
- Add 1/4 to 3/4 teaspoon baking soda for each cup of honey used.
- Reduce oven temperature by 25°F to prevent over-browning of baked goods.
- For easy removal, spray measuring cup with vegetable cooking spray before adding honey.

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My agricultural status is:

- Full Time Part Time Hobby Interest Only

My agricultural interests are:

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CANADIAN ADAPTATION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Adaptation is about responding to change. The federal CARD Fund provides the agriculture and agri-food sector and rural Yukoners with tools to acquire and use knowledge, skills and ideas to seize the opportunities change has created.

The CARD Fund in the Yukon will be targeted at projects that will help develop a strong, vibrant agricultural and rural economy. The funds will be delivered by a committee of the Yukon Agriculture Association with representation from all Yukon Communities. Specific objectives of the fund are:

- To increase value-added production;
- To increase our industry's marketing skills, knowledge and understanding of risk management;
- To increase employment and improve the stability of the agricultural economy through partnerships with First Nations Organizations etc. and;
- To work toward an environmentally self sustaining agriculture and agri-food industry

Eligible applicants include individuals, partnerships, corporations, non-profit organizations, co-operatives, educational institutions, governments and First Nations. Only one proposal per person or group.

Program categories include:

- Research/Innovation
- Human Resources & Rural Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Food Safety & Quality
- Marketing
- Rural Development

CARD application forms and information packages are available at Territorial Agents, Community Libraries, Post Offices, the YTG Agricultural Branch or YAA Chapters in Whitehorse, Dawson and Mayo.



EDUCATION TRAINING & TRUST FUND

The Education Training and Trust Fund enables education and training of Yukoners related to agriculture. The ETTF Committee awards funds to projects related to raising knowledge and skills to develop a strong diversified agricultural economy.

The ETTF Committee is comprised of the Yukon Agricultural Association members from across the territory. The Committee is independent of the YAA executive and administration. The committee is responsible for establishing the guidelines for applications and approving projects. The Committee reviews and evaluates all projects upon completion.

All applications will be accepted from Yukon individuals, non-profit groups, educational institutions, First Nations, legally recognized corporations, co-operatives and municipalities.

Projects, which provide education and/or training to Yukoners in agriculture, will be considered. There are five broad categories for projects:

- Farm Management
- Homesteading
- Agricultural Methods
- Farm Efficiency Strategies
- Market Diversification



For applications and further information contact:

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