

**THE PLOUGH BOY**  
**Yukon Agricultural Association**  
**April 2006 Newsletter**

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**A message from the President,**

I would like to thank all the members who turned out for the YAA Annual General Meeting March 25, 2006 at the Riverview Hotel; I would also like to thank all of our guest speakers. The 2005 Yukon Agricultural Association Board of Directors worked very well together and made a lot of progress in the 2005 year, I would like to thank the 2005 board of directors for all their hard work and efforts on behalf of the industry. At this time I would like to welcome all of the returning and new members to the YAA board, 2006 is a year to move forward in the agriculture industry, it's time to build on past successes and make them into tangible realities. There are a lot of good ideas out there, from the board, the membership, government and the community; it is time to move those good ideas out of our heads on onto the land,

Al Falle, President Yukon Agricultural Association

*"If you ate today, thank a farmer"*

**Office Update**

Hello Yukon Agricultural Association Member, a lot has been going on in the last few months around the office. The AGM was on March 25, 2006 at the Riverview Hotel, it went well, Al Falle gave an opening speech, and Len Walchuk and Mike Blumenschein talked about the different projects that YAA has funded over the course of the year, Archie Lang spoke about the policy and development of agriculture and Brad Cathers spoke about the connection between pandemic preparedness and agriculture. Joanne Jackson Johnson spoke about GMO. Then the time of reckoning, the elections, below is a list of the 2006 YAA Executive and Board with their contact information:

President: Al Falle, 633-5218

Vice President: Mike Blumenschein, 668-2407

Treasurer: Gordon Sinclair, 633-4326

Secretary: Wayne Grove, 393-1942

Whitehorse: Dallas Schaber, 668-3679

Dawson: Claudia Carlson, 993-6640

Mayo: Ralph Mease, 996-2206

Klondike Hwy, Jerry Kruse,

Watson Lake, Dalyce Stubenberg, 536-7447

Director at Large: Jim Dillabough, 633-3343

Director at Large: Netta DesRosiers, 536-2111

Director at Large: Dave Andrew, 667-7844



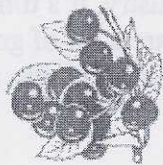
Director at Large: Art Hutchison, 333-2667

Please feel free to contact any of the YAA directors if you have any questions about the association or if you just want to talk about the agriculture industry.

**APF Transition Update: Projects Funded in 2005**

Mobile Processing Unit Scale	Celebrating Yukon Food, Cookbook and Profiles
Organic Certification	Public Awareness
Organic Inspector (meat)	Food from the Yukon for the Yukon
Green Manure Trial	Employability Skills Greenhouse Project
Bubble Greenhouse	Exploring Processing Facilities
2006 Agricultural Products Guide	Yukon Organic Producer Networking
Klondike Harvest Fair	

If you want to see any of the final reports, or discuss any of these projects, please contact the Yukon Agricultural Association Office and Rose would be happy to share this information with you.



**ACAAF Update:**

The Yukon ACAA Strategic Plan is completed, and will be available soon for the membership to view how their feed back was assimilated by the council. The projects that were funded by ACAA in 2005 were;

- The Establishment and Inoculation of Alfalfa into Existing Grass-hay Stands in the Yukon Territory
- The Development of BoldRush Protein Energy Beverages
- Research in the Area of Successful Legume Culture

If you would like to see interim, final or progress reports on any of these projects or if you would like to discuss them, please contact Rose at the YAA office and she would be happy to assist you.

**Classified Ads**

**GMC 3 Ton Truck**

With dandy grain box, hoist, and heavy duty stock racks. 1966 model, 65,500 original miles. In great condition. **\$5,500** Contact Fred or Debbie Last 633-3608

**Kabota 35 h/p**

Diesel	2 speed PTO	Asking <b>\$16,500</b>
4WD	Comes with disk	668-1045
With front end loader	Great little tractor	
3 point hitch	Works good	



## Grains and Oilseeds Payment Program

### FEDERAL PAYMENTS FLOWING TO GRAINS AND OILSEEDS PRODUCERS

The Grains and Oilseeds Payment Program (GOPP), provides a payment to producers based on average net sales of eligible grains, oilseeds and special crops from 2000 to 2004. Most producers will receive an initial payment under the program, followed by a final payment in the fall of 2006.

If you had sales of eligible grains, oilseeds and special crops in 2004 and participated in the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program for 2004 you will automatically receive a payment and do not need to apply.

If you did not participate in 2004 CAIS or started farming in 2005 you must apply to receive a payment. Applications will be available on this site on February 13, 2006. **The deadline to apply is May 31, 2006.**

[www.agr.gc.ca/gopp](http://www.agr.gc.ca/gopp)

### **2006 Canadian Young Farmer's Forum (CYFF) AGM Ottawa, February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006**

Yukon was proud to be able to send three delegates to the Canadian Young Farmer's Forum this year. They were Dalyce Stutenburg, Berwyn Larsen (of Uncle Berwyn's Birch Syrup fame) and myself Sarah Lenart.

The Forum started on the Monday evening with introductions and welcomes. This was followed by an informative presentation by Roger Shier from Farm Credit Canada on 'How the Government Works' and a short presentation by Lois James, Director of the Renewal Programs, Agriculture and Agri-foods Canada (AAFC), informing us of various programs and grants available through the Renewal Program. By 9pm we were able to relax and socialise with our fellow delegates.

Tuesday started bright and early at 8am. As part of the Forum, we were all asked, in advance, to produce a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation on our farm operation. This was sponsored by Farm Credit Canada (FCC) to not only provide leadership training for the delegates, but also to examine their own services and to ascertain whether they matched the needs of young farmers throughout Canada. There were 39 delegates, split into 3 groups, each marked by a facilitator from FCC. It was a long morning, but provided a fascinating insight into the lives of other young farmers. The afternoon's program included a presentation by Terry Betker on 'Best Management Practices' sponsored by the Farm Business Management Council and one by Trish Jordan, Manager, Public and Industry Affairs, Monsanto, Canada on 'Why Public Relations is important in Agriculture.' Tuesday evening featured the CYFF Banquet with special guests from the CYFF Mentor Board. The food served was entirely produced in Canada. Wednesday morning was our AGM which went very smoothly. For the afternoon, we walked across to Parliament Hill for 'a meeting with Federal politicians and bureaucrats'. We were fortunate enough to be granted an audience with Chuck Strawl, and engaged in



a brief question and answer session, before being given a tour of the Houses of Parliament. In the evening, we were invited to attend the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) President's reception.

Thursday was officially the end of our CYF Forum, but in the morning we attended the opening ceremonies of the CFA Annual Conference. Chuck Strawl's attendance created a lot of media interest, and several lobby groups were there to put their cases forward to the new Minister of Agriculture. FCC sponsored an optional Agri-Success Workshop in the afternoon which focused on 'Managing the multi-generational farm family'. The speaker, Elaine Froese was a delight to listen to and very informative. I have some very comprehensive information on this topic if it is relevant to you and you would like to borrow it. During the afternoon, myself and fellow CYFF delegate Rob Brunel from Manitoba were invited to repeat our presentations at the CFA conference. A CFA reception in the West Block at Parliament Hill followed in the evening and that concluded a very successful & informative trip to Ottawa

The Canadian Young Farmer's Forum was established in 1997 to exchange information and to foster collaboration between young and beginning farmers across the country. Their web site is [www.cyff.ca](http://www.cyff.ca) Yukon does not have a CYFF branch at present. If you are interested in belonging to/helping start up such an organisation, please e-mail me, Sarah Lenart on [forestfloor@pocketmail.com](mailto:forestfloor@pocketmail.com)

### **What is biodiesel?**

Biodiesel is the name of a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from domestic, renewable resources. Biodiesel contains no petroleum, but it can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel to create a biodiesel blend. It can be used in compression-ignition (diesel) engines with little or no modifications. Biodiesel is simple to use, biodegradable, nontoxic, and essentially free of sulfur and aromatics.

How is biodiesel made?

Biodiesel is made through a chemical process called transesterification whereby the glycerin is separated from the fat or vegetable oil. The process leaves behind two products -- methyl esters (the chemical name for biodiesel) and glycerin (a valuable byproduct usually sold to be used in soaps and other products).

Is Biodiesel the same thing as raw vegetable oil?

No! Fuel-grade biodiesel must be produced to strict industry specifications (ASTM D6751) in order to insure proper performance. Biodiesel is the only alternative fuel to have fully completed the health effects testing requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. Biodiesel that meets ASTM D6751 and is legally registered with the Environmental Protection Agency is a legal motor fuel for sale and distribution. Raw vegetable oil cannot meet biodiesel fuel specifications, it is not registered with the EPA, and it is not a legal motor fuel.

For entities seeking to adopt a definition of biodiesel for purposes such as federal or state statute, state or national divisions of weights and measures, or for any other purpose, the



official definition consistent with other federal and state laws and Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) guidelines is as follows:

Biodiesel is defined as mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats which conform to ASTM D6751 specifications for use in diesel engines. Biodiesel refers to the pure fuel before blending with diesel fuel. Biodiesel blends are denoted as, "BXX" with "XX" representing the percentage of biodiesel contained in the blend (ie: B20 is 20% biodiesel, 80% petroleum diesel).

Why should I use biodiesel?

Biodiesel is better for the environment because it is made from renewable resources and has lower emissions compared to petroleum diesel. It is less toxic than table salt and biodegrades as fast as sugar. Since it is made in the USA from renewable resources such as soybeans, its use decreases our dependence on foreign oil and contributes to our own economy.

<http://www.biodiesel.org/>

## **TUNISIAN FISH CAKES WITH LEMON AND PAPRIKA AIOLI**

*Ingredients:*

2 pounds mild white fish fillets (such as orange roughy or halibut), cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1 cup finely chopped onion	1 teaspoon ground ginger
6 garlic cloves, chopped	3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley	6 tablespoons matzo meal
3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro	1 large egg
1 tablespoon ground cumin	12 tablespoons (about) olive oil (for frying)
2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt	

### **Spicy Lemon and Paprika Aioli**

*Preparation:*

Line large baking sheet with plastic wrap. Coarsely grind fish in processor. Add next 8 ingredients; blend well. Add matzo meal and egg; process until smooth, scraping down sides of bowl occasionally. With moistened hands and using 1 generous tablespoon for each cake, shape mixture into patties about 1 3/4 inches in diameter and 1/2 inch thick; arrange on sheet.

Heat 3 tablespoons oil in heavy large skillet over medium heat. Fry fish cakes in batches until brown and cooked through, adding more oil to skillet by tablespoonfuls as needed, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer cakes to unlined baking sheet. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Refrigerate until cold, then cover with foil and keep refrigerated. Rewarm uncovered in 350°F oven about 10 minutes.)

Arrange fish cakes on plates. Spoon aioli alongside and serve.

*Makes about 40.*



## **Farm Wife Wanted**

### Qualifications

- Multi-skilled (Jill of all trades)
- Strong and healthy
- Co-operative and agreeable
- Adaptable to any adverse situation
- ESP and Go-fer abilities
- Excellent book balancing skills
- Looks like a fashion queen in gum boots and blue jeans
- Cooks like mother under any circumstance
- Full-time mom, hired hand, loving wife, vet, fencer, mechanic, truck driver, seamstress and housekeeper
- Loves working without help but loves helping others
- Enjoys the outdoors in any weather at any time
- Angel by day, devil by night

Not for the career woman who has been corrupted by money! No Pension or guaranteed income. Wages negotiable (*if there's a crop*) Opportunity to invest savings, Flexible hours, Yearly holiday; Two days for Farm Women's Conference

*Thanks for the joke, Debbie Last!*

## **Releasing the Cows**

(Told by Master Thich Nhat Hanh)

One day the Buddha was sitting in the wood with thirty or forty monks. They had an excellent lunch and they were enjoying the company of each other. There was a farmer passing by and the farmer was very unhappy. He asked the Buddha and the monks whether they had seen his cows passing by. The Buddha said they had not seen any cows passing by.

The farmer said, "Monks, I'm so unhappy. I have twelve cows and I don't know why they all ran away. I have also a few acres of a sesame seed plantation and the insects have eaten up everything. I suffer so much I think I am going to kill myself.

The Buddha said, "My friend, we have not seen any cows passing by here. You might like to look for them in the other direction."

So the farmer thanked him and ran away, and the Buddha turned to his monks and said, "My dear friends, you are the happiest people in the world. You don't have any cows to lose. If you have too many cows to take care of, you will be very busy.

"That is why, in order to be happy, you have to learn the art of cow releasing (laughter). You release the cows one by one. In the beginning you thought that those cows were essential to your happiness, and you tried to get more and more cows. But now you realize that cows are not really conditions for your happiness; they constitute an obstacle for your happiness. That is why you are determined to release your cows."



YAA 2006 Meeting and Information Schedule

January	February	March	April	May	June
<p>January 11, YAA Board of Directors meeting 8 p.m. T.C. Richards Building</p>	<p>February 2, ACAAFF meeting 5 p.m. February 8, 2006 APF Meeting 5:30 pm General Meeting 7 p.m. Board of Directors meeting to follow</p>	<p>March 8, Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m. T.C. Richards Building AGM March 25 at the Riverview Hotel, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>April 12 General Meeting 7 p.m. Board of Directors meeting to follow</p>	<p>Beginning of monthly KHF at the T.C. Richards Building (TBA) Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m. T.C. Richards Building</p>	<p>June 14 General Meeting 7 p.m. Board of Directors meeting to follow</p>
<p>July</p>	<p>August</p>	<p>September</p>	<p>October</p>	<p>November</p>	<p>December</p>
<p>Beginning of weekly Wednesday's lunch meetings in the T.C. Richards boardroom for the KHF July 12 General Meeting 7 p.m. Board of Directors meeting to follow</p>	<p>August 9 Meeting 7 p.m. General Meeting Board of Directors meeting to follow KHF August 19 and 20</p>	<p>September 13 Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m. T.C. Richards Building <i>Could we do this in Mayo?</i></p>	<p>October 11 General Meeting 7 p.m. Board of Directors meeting to follow</p>	<p>November 8 Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m. T.C. Richards Building</p>	<p>December 13 General Meeting 7 p.m. Board of Directors meeting to follow</p>

Note: All ACAAFF and APF and other necessary meetings will be scheduled and announced as the dates are set by the respective councils and boards.

**YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION-GENERAL MEETING**  
**TC RICHARDS BUILDING BOARDROOM 7 P.M.**  
**APRIL 12, 2006**  
**AGENDA**

1. Meeting called to order
2. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting, February 8, 2006
3. Confirm agenda with additions if necessary
4. Bubble Greenhouse Presentation by Andy Lera
5. Business arising from last minutes
6. Correspondence
7. Old business
8. Public Awareness/Marketing
9. Abattoir
10. Ag Policy
11. ACAAF Update
  - a) Strategic Plan
12. Office Update-Rose Drury
  - a) Trade Show
13. End of Meeting

If you are going to be on conference please let Rose in the office know the day before the meeting