



Delivering Fertilizer Bins Photo: Rick Tone



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YAA Rental Equipment

As another farming season draws nearer remember that the YAA has a number of pieces of rental equipment that you could put to use this coming season!

The power requirements for each will vary according to use and soil conditions, but generally more power is better. For information on renting any of the pieces of equipment below contact the YAA office.



Schulte 1500 heavy duty mower - 15 foot (needs 65 horse-150 horse power tractor; can mow hay-trees). Cost to rent: \$185/day



Kuhn 3 bottom reversible plough - 3 point hitch (needs approximately 85 -100 horse power tractor). Cost to rent: \$130/day



Aerway aerator -15 foot- with Valmar 1655 granular applicator/overseeder (needs approximately 100 + horse power tractor). Cost to rent: \$185/day



John Deere 1590 No Till Drill -15 foot- (needs approximately 100+horse power tractor). Cost to rent: \$300/day



Leon 375 manure spreader (needs approximately 60 horse power tractor) Cost to rent: \$160/day

YAA RENTAL EQUIPMENT (CONT.)

Bulk fertilizer available:



Soil testing and the application of the correct amount of fertilizer makes a huge difference to the productivity of Yukon soils. At one time, farmers who wished to use fertilizer had to have it trucked in bags because there was no bulk storage option.

However, given the substantial price difference between bagged and bulk fertilizer, The Federal-Territorial sponsored Agriculture Policy Framework Agreement (APF) Fund Committee agreed to purchase bins to store bulk fertilizer:

These bins were situated on the farms of the major fertilizer users, but were intended to also be available to smaller users, so they, too, could benefit from the price advantage of buying bulk.

Anyone who wishes to order bulk fertilizer need only call one of the site holders and place (and pay for) their order. Contact the YAA office to locate the fertilizer bin nearest to you!

YUKON YOUNG FARMERS

This is the newest subcommittee of the YAA - formed to bring together all young and new farmers between the ages of 18-40.

The Yukon Young Farmers (YYF) held their first Annual General Meeting on February 28, 2012 to elect their executive and report on the Canadian Young Farmers' Forum (CYFF) Annual General Meeting in Halifax.

The CYFF Conference in Halifax was slated to 'Educate, Energize and Empower' through a mix of speakers, social events and farm tours.... and it did just that and so much more!

The Yukon delegation consisted of 8 agriculturalists who traveled to Halifax through a combination of support from the CYFF and Growing Forward program - and they returned to Yukon with updated knowledge, inspiration and support to jump into the coming growing season.

YUKON YOUNG FARMERS (CONT.)

'I have learned so much from these conferences it is hard to describe. One of the top things I have learned was to treat this like any other business. Keep track of spending and production per acre... even through we are small in YT we are able to do big things!'
reported second time CYFF AGM conference attendee (and YYF Chair) Ann-Marie Stockley.

To learn more about Yukon Young Farmers, become a member of YYF or hear more about the CYFF conference in Halifax visit the Yukon Young Farmers [facebook page](#) or contact the YAA.

AGRICULTURAL FUNDING EXPLAINED

Have you ever wondered if your operation might qualify for some agricultural funding? Here's the scoop:

The **Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program** is delivered through the YAA via the CAAP Council. This program exists to support seizing opportunities, respond to new and emerging issues and pilot solutions to new and ongoing issues.

Invitation for proposals

The Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP) is a 5 year, \$163 million national Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) initiative to help the agricultural sector adapt to new issues as they emerge, and remain competitive. In Yukon, CAAP is delivered by the Yukon Agricultural Assn. (YAA).

Eligible projects could be in the areas of capacity development, traceability, environment, climate change and more. Anyone at any level of Yukon's agriculture and food industry is eligible for funding - industry organizations, aboriginal groups, for profit companies, individual producers, processors and retailers.

For more information, call the YAA-CAAP Council office at **867.668.6864** or Email us at admin@yukonag.ca.

You may also call AAFC toll free at **1.877.290.2188**, or visit AAFC's website at www.agr.gc.ca/caap for additional info in French or English.

Call us, and let's talk.

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What this means is that if you have an agricultural project in mind that would benefit the Yukon agricultural community as a whole, and it is beyond basic research but not yet ready to be commercialized, it could be eligible for CAAP funding.

CAAP is designed to fund new and emerging agricultural research initiatives. This means that generally it is not possible to fund infrastructure project costs.

AG. FUNDING (CONT.)

Project contributions and durations vary, however CAAP can fund up to 85% of a project cost.

Once you apply to CAAP the CAAP Council will review your application (they meet at least 4 times per year) to decide if the Council can fund your project at this time. Sylvia can assist with clarifying project qualifications and applications.

The CAAP program is ending March 31, 2014 - apply soon!

Check out examples of current and past CAAP projects (plus application forms and details) on the YAA website: www.yukonag.ca

Growing Forward agricultural funding programs are delivered through the Yukon Government Agriculture Branch (in the Elijah Smith building).

Growing Forward
Practical and flexible programs for your farm.
Phone: (867) 667-5838
Toll-free: 1-800-661-0408, ext. 5838
www.agriculture.gov.yk.ca

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These funding programs are designed to help build a competitive and innovative agricultural sector; ensure the sector contributes to society's priorities and to help be proactive in managing risks.

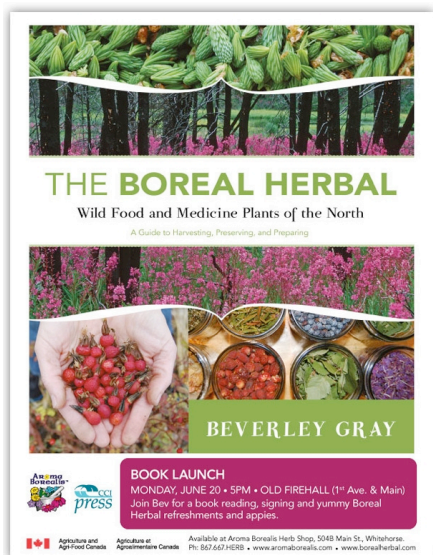
What this means is that if you have a conference or training you would like to attend, or if you are looking at taking the 'next step' of farm development you could be eligible for funding through Growing Forward.

Individuals are eligible for up to 50% of project costs (including infrastructure costs) up to a lifetime program maximum of \$50,000.

The current Growing Forward programs are ending in April 2013. For information and details on Growing Forward visit the Agriculture Branch <http://www.emrgov.yk.ca/agriculture/>

BOREAL HERBAL BOOK DISTRIBUTION

The Yukon CAAP Council and the Yukon Agricultural Association are pleased to announce that every active status YAA member (as of February 9, 2012) will receive one copy of 'The Boreal Herbal - Wild Food and Medicine Plants of the North'.



The YAA/ACAAF-CAAP Council supported 'The Boreal Herbal' through funding provided under Agriculture Canada's previous ACAA program.

We are donating copies of this book to educational institutions, Yukon agriculture affiliate organizations, YAA members, past YAA presidents and various other individuals. We hope you enjoy this marvelous Yukon authored publication.

You can pick up your complimentary copy of the Boreal Herbal at our Open House: Friday March 30, 12:00-3:00 (or during 'office hours' daily 11-1)!

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARDS

Are you interested in the future role of agriculture in communities?

The Yukon Agricultural Association would like to see agricultural interests represented on ALL community planning initiatives.

We know this is an important issue that requires a big chunk of time, and at present there is not the staff time to commit to this process!

If you are interested in the future role of agriculture in communities, and have the availability to volunteer as a YAA representative in community planning processes we would love to hear from you!

Please contact the YAA office if are interested or have questions.

COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL LOTS FOR SALE

The Agriculture Branch (Yukon Government) is currently offering three lots ranging in size from 9.9 ha to 21.0 ha (24.5 acres to 51.9 acres) as part of phase II of the Haines Junction Agriculture Subdivision.

These parcels will be sold using an evaluative process. Prospective purchasers are required to submit a detailed farm development plan for the lot being applied for. All projects proposed for a specific lot will be compared and evaluated by the Agriculture Branch with the offer of sale made to the applicant who shows the clearest understanding of developing a farm business in the region.

Application Packages available at:

Agriculture Branch
Suite 320, 300 Main Street (Elijah Smith Building)
Whitehorse

Deadline: 4 p.m., Friday March 30.
Applications returned by mail must be postmarked no later than this date.

Contact: David Murray, Manager, Agriculture Land Resources
1-800-661-0408 ext. 3699
david.murray@gov.yk.ca

THE YAA HAS A NEW LOOK ON-LINE!

Modern Earth Webdesign redesigned and rebuilt the www.yukonag.ca website.

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Now you can visit our website to pay for membership on-line, check our blog for updates, read about past and current projects, find old versions of 'The Ploughboy', and stay up to date on agriculture related events!

If you are a YAA board member (or subcommittee board member) you can now access secure documents on-line.

Check it out on-line for the most up to date information!

www.yukonag.ca

INVITATION TO THE YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

What: YAA Annual General Meeting

When: Saturday May 5, 2012, 9:30-1:00

Where: Gold Rush Inn - General Store

Now accepting nominations for Regional Directors and Directors-At-Large... this could be YOU!

Nominations need to be received at the YAA office by April 30, 2012.

PLEASE JOIN US!

R.S.V.P. or Questions to Sylvia
668-6864

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Full page - \$100
Contact the YAA office for details

Farm laborers/help: The YAA has a list of people interested in farm work. Contact the office for details.

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