



# Islands Agricultural News

Islands Forage Committee

Summer 2009

## On-Farm Anaerobic Digestion

Last summer, a group of 21 participants organized by the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands spent a week visiting anaerobic digesters in Switzerland, Austria and Germany. During this week, participants were able to witness the versatility and practicality of Anaerobic Digestion (AD) while gaining firsthand experience of daily operations.

Although the trip was a valuable exercise, one limitation was that the facilities visited were not operating in an economic or regulatory environment similar to that currently in BC. Therefore, a second educational mission was organized for farmers, energy providers and pertinent regulatory bodies to see on-farm digesters in an economic and regulatory environment similar to BC's.

This 20 participant mission visited three commercial on farm digesters, two experimental on-farm digesters, a wastewater digester and Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory in Vermont, from October 20 – 22, 2008

If you would like a copy of the report from this mission contact:

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Email: [Sue.Gordon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sue.Gordon@gov.bc.ca)

For more information you can also check out <http://www.avatarenergy.com/>.

## Irrigation Scheduling Calculator

The Irrigation Scheduling Calculator is live and operational. The calculator will provide users with an irrigation schedule using real time climate data from Farmwest. It works for most irrigation systems, both agriculture and landscape systems in British Columbia. The tool is part of the commitment on "improving irrigation efficiency" under Living Water Smart. The development was funded by the National Water Supply Expansion Program in partnership with the Irrigation Industry Association of British

Columbia. There is still some work to do in the development of User's Guides which will be accomplished over the next few months.

You can access the calculator by clicking on the calculator tab on the website link [www.irrigationbc.com](http://www.irrigationbc.com).

If you have any comments or questions please contact:

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## SEEDS for CHANGE CONFERENCE 2009 • DUNCAN, BC



The Seeds for Change Environment Conference is happening this June 19th to 21st in Duncan, BC. Seven internationally-renowned speakers at the forefront of their professional fields – integral economics, climate change activism, food security, and community renewal – are arriving. Your seat is ready.

These authors, experts, teachers, and award-winning mentors including Chris Turner, author of *The Geography of Hope*, will be presenting lectures on broad-based sustainability issues over the course of the conference, defining the current state of the green movement on the personal, social, economic, and government level. Fresh, seasonal meals featuring local wines, cheeses, and produce will be served, and ideas will be exchanged among professionals, students, farmers, activists, and sustainability visionaries.

At the Seeds for Change Conference we will be mapping out new activisms, cutting-edge global perspectives, and revolutionary models for our changing communities. Come and be a part of this incredible weekend.

Single day or full weekend passes are available. For full conference details or to register, go to [www.seedsforchange.ca](http://www.seedsforchange.ca) or call the Cowichan Green Community.

Phone: 250-748-8506

Email: [info@seedsforchange.ca](mailto:info@seedsforchange.ca)

Website: [www.seedsforchange.ca](http://www.seedsforchange.ca)

## Enterprise Budgets - Planning for Profit



<http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/budgets/>

The BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands Planning for Profit Enterprise Budget Web Site consists of the following sections: key factors affecting profitability, marketing alternatives, cash flow timing, rules of thumb, enterprise budget, cash flow table and graph, sensitivity analysis table and the buildings, machinery and production system costs. More recent budgets include aspects of risk management and marketing. Budgets included in this section are historical. The information is provided as a tool for projecting costs and returns for B.C. farm enterprises and as a general guide for planning individual farms. The sample budget should be used as a guide only and should not be used for business analysis without adjustments to current prices for inputs and products. Each farm should develop their own budget to reflect their production goals, costs and market prices.

Enterprise Budgets are organized into crop, livestock and specialty areas:

### Crops

[Berries & Vines](#)

[Forage](#)

[Grains and Oilseed](#)

[Herbs & Specialty Crops](#)

[Organic](#)

[Potatoes](#)

[Small Scale Production](#)

[Tree Fruits](#)

[Vegetables](#) - Field & Greenhouse

### Livestock Budgets

[Beef](#)

[Dairy](#)

[Hogs](#)

[Organic](#)

[Poultry & Specialty Poultry](#)

[Small Scale Production](#)

[Specialized Livestock](#): Sheep, Goats, Horse, Bison, Veal & Bees.

### Value Added Budgets

[Food Processing](#)

If you do not have access to the internet and would like a printout of an Enterprise Budget, please contact:

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## Organic Islands Festival and Sustainability Expo

July 4-5, 2009 Victoria, British Columbia - Glendale Gardens and Woodlands

Canada's largest outdoor environmental festival returns once again to Victoria's Glendale Gardens and Woodlands. The expo is considered Vancouver Island's most comprehensive eco-marketplace, and will showcase 150 exhibitors in a beautiful, ten acre garden venue, along with tasty food, inspiring and innovative people and ideas, and musical entertainment. For additional information, please visit: [www.organicislands.ca](http://www.organicislands.ca)

## New Poultry Club on Salt Spring Island

The Salt Spring Island Poultry Club started up late this winter to address the needs of a growing interest in raising poultry on our island. Our goals are to provide education and support for people interested in poultry on any level, including the backyard flock and the serious breeder. We offer a social situation where poultry related problems, ideas and knowledge are shared. We promote heritage breeds. We support our local Fall Fair and have the support of our Salt Spring Island Farmer's Institute.



At our monthly meetings we learn new things and talk turkey. Incubation, predators and parasites have been topics for discussion. We have had our own members make presentations on topics that they have

experience in. One evening Dr. MacDonald, a local vet, gave us a presentation on parasite control.

In April we had our first poultry swap following the model of popular swaps on Vancouver Island. It was a great success. Over 50 people showed up looking to buy sell or trade. There wasn't enough poultry to go around. Our second swap, in May, was on a hot Sunday afternoon. Many little chicks and lots of hens and roosters were traded and sold. Some used equipment arrived in one truck and left in another. There was a general feeling of excitement.

Neighbours hung around to chat. It felt like the Saturday market of 20 years ago.

We started an email group to keep us all informed of anything of interest. That group now has 40 members and is growing every week. We ask each other for advice and post notices of interest like swap meets, birds for sale or magazine articles.

We'll be taking a break over the summer, but in September we'll be busy again with our Fall Fair.

Pat Donnelly  
[ssipoultryclub@gmail.com](mailto:ssipoultryclub@gmail.com)

## Island Farmers Markets

The following markets are listed by the BC Association of Farmers Markets at <http://www.bcfarmersmarket.org/>



Gabriola Island	Gabriola Island	
Government Street Market	Victoria	
Hornby Island	Hornby Island	
James Bay	Victoria	Saturday
Mayfair Market	Victoria	Wednesday
Mayne Island	Agricultural Hall grounds, Mayne Island	May long weekend to Thanksgiving weekend Sat 10:00am to 1:00pm
Metchosin	4450 Happy Valley Rd. Behind firehall	May 10 to Oct. 25 Sun 11:00am to 2:00pm
Moss Street	Sir James Douglas Elementary, 401 Moss St, Victoria	First Saturday in May to Last Saturday in Oct Sat 10:00am to 2:00pm
Nanaimo Downtown 	90 Front Street, Nanaimo. On Pioneer Waterfront Plaza	First Friday in May to Friday before Thanksgiving Fri 10:00am to 2:00pm
Our Neighbourhood	Corner of Uplands Dr and Oliver Rd (parking lot) Nanaimo	May 23 to October 17 Sat 9:00am to 1:00pm
Pender Island	Pender Island	
Peninsula Country	Sannich Fairgrounds, 1528 Stelly's Cross Road	June 14 to October 4 Closed August 30 - Saanich Fair Sat 9:00am to 1:00pm
Pier Street	Campbell River Fishing Pier Parking Lot	May 3 to September 27 Sun 9:00am to 2:00pm
Port Alberni	Downtown Port Alberni at the Harbour Quay	Year round Sat 8:30am to 12:00am
Powell River Open-Air	McLeod Road, Paradise Valley Exhibition Park	Last Sat in Apr to first Sat in Oct Sat 10:30am-12:30pm Sun 12:30pm-2:30pm
Quadra Island	Quadra Island	
Qualicum Beach	Fir St and Memorial by the railway tracks	May 3, 2008 to Thanksgiving Sat 8:30am to 12:00pm
Queen Charlotte Island	Queen Charlotte City	
Saltspring Island Market in the Park	Saltspring Island	Saturday
Sechelt	Hwy 101, Raven's Cry Theatre, Sechelt	April 4 to September 26 Sat 7:00am to 2:00pm
Sidney Summer	Beacon Ave in Downtown Sidney	June 4 to August 27 Thu 5:30pm to 9:00pm
Sooke Country	Sooke	Saturday
Market in the Square, Downtown Duncan	City Square in Duncan and the downtown streets	March to December Sat 10:00am to 4:00pm
Village Square	Quadra Island	

Farmers' Market	Address	Market Day
Bowen Road Behind Beban Park	2300 Bowen Road Nanaimo	May 13 to Mid-October Wed 4:00pm to 6:30pm
Cedar Crow and Gate Pub field	2313 Yellowpoint Road Nanaimo	Mother's Day - Thanksgiving Sun 10:00am to 2:00am
Colwood	1767 Island Hwy, Colwood (Victoria)	June 3 to September 30 Wed 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Errington	Errington Community Park	First weekend in May to last weekend in September Sat 10:00am to 1:00pm
Esquimalt Community	Esquimalt	Wednesday

## Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Program - OYF Memorial Scholarship

Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Program is proud to introduce the OYF Memorial Scholarship, to be awarded annually to an individual



pursuing post secondary education in agriculture. This scholarship has been made possible through the foresight of one of our alumni, Martin Streef (Ontario 1996). Martin's dedication to agriculture and the OYF program will help future generations to pursue their own passion for agriculture.

**Award:** One \$1000 scholarship awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Open to any individual in Canada pursuing post secondary education leading to a diploma or degree in agriculture.

**How to Apply:** Each applicant will be required to fill out this application form and forward it and the other requirements to the OYF Program Manager by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like an application for this scholarship, contact Sue Gordon at the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands:

Phone: (250) 746-1210 Fax: (250) 746-1292

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## Road Signs for Agritourism Operators

Do you have an Agri-tourism business or are you associated with a Farmers Market organization? If so this may be of interest to you.



BCATA and the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands jointly with the Ministry of Transportation endorsed a road sign campaign for BC travelers. Here are the steps to get a road sign for your Agritourism Operation.

1. Contact the BC Agritourism Alliance by Email [info@agritourismbc.ca](mailto:info@agritourismbc.ca) or call 250.652.4691 to see if your business suits the requirements of the program and to review the costs. You can

2. Download the application form at [http://www.agritourismbc.org/BCATA\\_AccredForm\\_Feb09.pdf](http://www.agritourismbc.org/BCATA_AccredForm_Feb09.pdf)
3. Review BCATA membership for additional savings.
4. Send or fax application and membership to:  
BCATA  
1894 Doney Road  
Saanichton BC V8M 1K6
5. Arrange a farm consultation with the Quality Assurance Consultant

In order to arrange a farm consultation contact BCATA at [info@agritourismbc.ca](mailto:info@agritourismbc.ca) or call 250.652.4691

The consultant will order the required signage for your operation upon successful completion of quality assurance. Cost of signage is shared between the government and the operator.

## A Guide to Farmland Access Agreements

**Farm contracts and lease agreements are an important element of business success!**

A member of the Island farm community with many years experience in contract law commented that the "Guide to Farmland Agreements" recently completed by the Land Conservancy of BC [www.conservancy.bc.ca](http://www.conservancy.bc.ca) is an excellent resource.



The Guide identifies and explains different types of farmland access agreements, and provides samples. Each section acts as a stand-alone information source on different types of farmland rental agreements.

It focuses on two general categories of agreements: long-term agreements (10 years or more) and short, trial period agreements. Additional information is provided on topics such as taxation, financing, and accounting for equity.

The guide is very helpful and reminds tenants and landlords of the many items to consider when entering an agreement for land use. All parties are reminded to invest time and mental energy into learning about and discussing the content of a legal agreement, before visiting a lawyer to finalize the

agreement. Legal agreements are a reflection / documentation of relationships which are often highly emotional. As relationships are important to our overall quality of life it is very important to “get it right” especially when family members are involved!

For many generations family members, ethnic groups and the farm community in general had traditions founded in their culture that generated understanding and trust around agreements. Today those cultural traditions and learning are not nearly as clear and strong as they once were, it is now critical to give full consideration to formal agreements and be sure that all elements of are fully understood and agreed to. This substance and intent are the foundation for contracts and lease agreements. Good intent of all parties develops trust and leads to good quality agreements that hopefully will never be disputed.

A PDF of this guide can be found on the TLC web site at

<http://www.conservancy.bc.ca/attachments/agriculture/FarmlandAccessAgreementGuide2009.pdf>

## Farm Labour Resources

***Based out of Abbotsford but also posts for the Islands.***

<http://www.agri-labourpool.com/>

Phone: 1-604-823-6222

***Willing Workers on Organic Farms***

<http://www.woof.ca/>

We prefer that you email us with your questions, rather than phone. 1-250-354-4417 (Monday- Friday 9:00 - 1:00 Pacific Coast time)

***Western Agriculture Labour Initiative (Seasonal Labour from outside of Canada)***

<http://www.walicanada.com/index.htm>

Tel. 604-854-4450

***Cowichan Service Canada Centre (Federal)***

<http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/cgi-bin/hr-display.cgi?rc=5918&ln=e>

Job Order Service Hotline: 1 877 952-6914

***Youth Employment Strategy - Summer Work Experience (Application Deadline in February)***

<http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/epb/yi/yep/newpr og/summer.shtml>

Youth Info Line: 1-800-935-5555

***Federal Employment Programs***

<http://www.youth.gc.ca/yohome.jsp?lang=en&flash=0>

<http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/epb/yi/yep/programs/scpp.shtml>

## Local Farm Organization Monthly Meetings

Please email [sue.gordon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sue.gordon@gov.bc.ca) to have your local farm meetings added to this list.

***Canadian Organic Growers Vancouver Island Chapter (COGVI)***

Meets monthly every third Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Haliburton Farm, 741 Haliburton Road, Victoria.

Please see [www.haliburtonfarm.org](http://www.haliburtonfarm.org) for map."

***Comox Valley Farmers' Institute***

Meets at the Dove Creek Hall, Courtenay the third Tuesday of every month from September to May. Contact: Gerry 250-334-4562

***Cowichan Agricultural Society & Farmers Institute Meeting***

Meets at 5855 Clements St in Duncan the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Contact: Graham at 250-746-8656

***Cowichan Exhibition Society***

Meets at 5855 Clements St in Duncan on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

***Nanaimo-Cedar Farmers' Institute***

Meets at the Cedar United Church Hall (1644 Cedar Rd) on the second Thursday of October - June. Contact Joanne at 250-722-3397  
<http://www.ncfarmersinst.org/>

***Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute***

Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the Cobble Hill Hall.

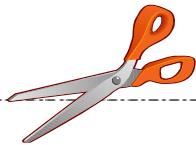
## Vancouver Island Goat Association Meetings

We would be happy to talk to anyone interested in our club and answer any questions they may have.

Contact: Marion 250-752-8526 e-mail  
[mousefieldfarm@uniserve.com](mailto:mousefieldfarm@uniserve.com)

## Upcoming Events

(Cut out for your fridge)



### June 19 – 21 – Seeds for Change Conference

Duncan Contact Cowichan Green  
Community 250-748-8506

### July 4 – 5 – Organic Islands Festival and Sustainability Expo

Victoria -  
Glendale Gardens and Woodlands  
Contact 250-658-8148

### Aug 8 – 9 – Coombs Fair

### Aug 21 – 23 – VIE, Nanaimo

### Aug 15 – Mayne Island Fall Fair

### Aug 29 – Cobble Hill Fall Fair

### Aug 22 – Pender Island Fall Fair

### Aug 29 – 30 – Comox Valley Exhibition,

Courtenay [www.cvexhibition.com](http://www.cvexhibition.com)

### Sep 5 - 6 – Saanich Fair

### Sep 10 – 13 – Alberni District Fall Fair

### Cancelled – Cowichan Exhibition, Duncan

### Sep 12 – 13 - Sooke Fall Fair

### Sep 18 – 20 – Luxton Fall Fair

### Sep 19 – 20 – Salt Spring Island Fall Fair

For more Fall Fair Information see [www.bcfairs.ca](http://www.bcfairs.ca) or  
call 1-778-574-4082

### Oct 4 – 11th Annual Salt Spring Island

#### Apple Festival

Sunday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

[www.saltspringmarket.com/apples/](http://www.saltspringmarket.com/apples/)

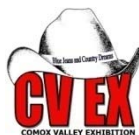
Contact Harry Burton at 653-2007

### Nov 21 – Joel Salatin: Farmer Extraordinaire

Eagles Hall 2965 Jacob Rd, Duncan

Reg 8 – 9 am Program 9 am – 3:30 pm

Contact Kathy at 250-748-0487



## Farm Animal and Poultry Swaps



**Courtenay**, Shar-Kare Feeds  
3rd Sunday of each month  
10 am - Noon

**Duncan**, (Cowichan Feather  
Fanciers) at Buckerfields –  
February to July on the  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month  
11 am till 12:30 pm

**Coombs Farm Animal & Poultry Swap**, Coombs  
Fairgrounds - 2nd Sunday of each month (except  
August) 11 am - 1 pm from March to November -  
Contact 250-752-1703 [dogma@bcsupernet.com](mailto:dogma@bcsupernet.com) to  
"subscribe to free eNewsletter"

## Web Sites of Interest to the Agriculture Community

If you are interested in any of  
the following subjects, but do  
not have access to the  
internet, information can be  
mailed or faxed to you.

Call: 250-746-1210 or  
1-800-663-7867 and ask for Sue Gordon at the  
Duncan Ministry of Agriculture and Lands office.



### Multispecies Grazing Articles

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/livestock/sheep/bsa01s30.html>

<http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/multispecies.html>

[www.sheepusa.org/index.phtml?page=site/get\\_file&print=1&file\\_id=ef51fd3d75841c85203f246d86635511](http://www.sheepusa.org/index.phtml?page=site/get_file&print=1&file_id=ef51fd3d75841c85203f246d86635511)

<http://wsare.usu.edu/pro/pr2003/EW01-006.pdf>

**Farm Structures and Fencing Information** can  
be found at:

[http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/publist/Farm\\_Structures.htm#fencing](http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/publist/Farm_Structures.htm#fencing)

To apply for **Farm Status** contact

**BC Assessment** in Nanaimo or Courtenay.

[http://www.bcassessment.bc.ca/process/agricultural\\_forestry/index.asp](http://www.bcassessment.bc.ca/process/agricultural_forestry/index.asp)

### Provincial Sales Tax Information for Farmers

[http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/industry\\_specific/farmers/farmers.htm](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/industry_specific/farmers/farmers.htm)

## **Provincially Licensed Meat Plant Establishments**

There is a great current list, with contact info, of Provincially Licensed Meat Plants on the BC Centre for Disease Controls web site under **Item 9** on the link below. *(Note, some of these processors only do their own livestock.)*  
<http://www.bccdc.org/content.php?item=144&PHPSESSID=c824e7d7f30446fd72606e4c788eab81>

## **Building Soils for Better Crops – Second Edition**

<http://www.sare.org/publications/bsbc/bsbc.pdf> By Fred Magdoff and Harold van Es

A SAN publication, produced with funding by the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program of CSREES, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Practical information for farmers, ranchers, educators, and gardeners — presented in an engaging, easy-to-read style.

Building Soils explains how ecological soil management boosts fertility and yields while reducing pest pressures and environmental impacts. Ecological management works with the built-in strengths of your plant/soil system. 240 pages.

Soil samples taken from two treatments of an experiment at the Rodale Research Center show the effect of conventional soil management compared to ecologically based management using cover crops and manure.

## **Farm Ponds**

The federal government has jointly produced a publication with Alberta Ag – “Quality Farm Dugouts”. It can be found at:  
[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/eng4696](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/eng4696)

The sizing calculator can be found at:  
<http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app19/calc/volume/dugout.jsp>

There are also a number of water quality items that may be relevant (assumes that dugouts are used as a water source) at:

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1192642868687&ang=eng>

There is some possibility that we may be able to help in the design, or at least the providing of technical advice, of ponds/dugouts for agricultural producers.

There might be some possibility of funding through the Environmental Farm Plan program, a component of Growing Forward. Producers would be required to develop an EFP that showed an environmental benefit to installing a dugout/pond.

[http://www.bcac.bc.ca/EFP\\_pages/about\\_us/index.html](http://www.bcac.bc.ca/EFP_pages/about_us/index.html)

If you have any questions, etc. please call or email.

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**Islands Forage Committee**

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Please include the following information so we can ensure you receive information on subjects of interest to you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of what you do, produce, or sell.

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# The Premier Event of the Year

The Cowichan Agricultural Society Proudly Presents:

## Joel Salatin: Farmer Extraordinaire

Joel Salatin, a third generation alternative farmer from Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, is coming to Duncan, on Vancouver Island, November 21, 2009.

The family's farm, Polyface Inc. ("The Farm of Many Faces") has been featured in SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, GOURMET and countless other radio, television and print media. Profiled on the *Lives of the 21st Century* series with Peter Jennings on ABC World News, his after-broadcast chat room fielded more hits than any other segment to date. It achieved iconic status as the grass farm featured in the NEW YORK TIMES bestseller OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA by food writer guru Michael Pollan.

The farm services more than 1,500 families, 10 retail outlets, and 30 restaurants through on-farm sales and metropolitan buying clubs with salad bar beef, pastured poultry, eggmobile eggs, pigerator pork, forage-based rabbits, pastured turkey and forestry products using relationship marketing.

He has authored six books and writes extensively in magazines such as STOCKMAN GRASS FARMER, ACRES USA, and AMERICAN AGRICULTURALIST.

A sought-after conference speaker, his speaking and writing reflect dirt-under-the-fingernails experience punctuated with mischievous humor. Joel passionately defends small farms, local food systems, and the right to opt out of the conventional food paradigm.



**Date:** Saturday, November 21, 2009  
**Location:** Eagles Hall, 2965 Jacob Road, Duncan, BC  
**Registration:** 8:00 am to 9:00 am  
**Program:** 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, Social afterwards; 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

To register for this premier event, please fill out the form and send, with a cheque for \$75.00 (made out to the Cowichan Agricultural Society). Lunch is included.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail payment to: K. Millar, 2881 Mountain Road, Duncan, BC V9L 6N4

For more information contact Kathy at 250-748-0487 or [homefarm@telus.net](mailto:homefarm@telus.net)