

UBCM Agricultural Study Tour

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Join the BC Ministry of Agriculture on a tour of West Abbotsford to showcase a broad and diverse range of farm operations that help ensure the resiliency of the agricultural industry in the lower mainland. By visiting several agricultural operations, you'll discover the challenges related to planning for agriculture in the Fraser Valley, where increased development and land prices have put pressure on farmers and farm operations. You'll hear about the intensification of agriculture and the way this is shaping the industry in the Fraser Valley. Tour stops may include:

- A large-scale mushroom farm
- A small scale pasture raised poultry operation
- A diversified farm operation with honeybees, mead and agritourism
- A greenhouse and garden centre

Breakfast will not be provided, but lunch will be provided and there may be an opportunity to purchase local farm products. Please dress for the weather and wear farm-appropriate footwear. Please note that encounters with bees are likely on this tour; if allergic please come with appropriate medications and speak with the tour directors about how best to avoid being stung. Partner/spouses are welcome as well, but must formally register for the tour, as there is a fixed limit to the number of people that can attend.