

Agriculture in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows

In Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, agriculture represents a significant part of the community fabric and is an important economic contributor. It is one of the most intensively farmed areas in B.C. adjacent to an urban area.


Both municipalities are home to some of the richest agricultural land in Canada and generate significant economic revenue from their diverse and successful farming communities.

The variety of agricultural commodities produced includes everything from dairy production and forage/pasture, to cranberries and blueberries to nursery stock and greenhouse crops.


While dairies and other forage-based operations are still important within this region, a recent trend over the past decade has seen many farms converted to blueberry and cranberry production. Nursery and greenhouse production also remain significant industries in the community.



Maple Ridge

- 15%** of land in Maple Ridge is in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).
- 3,800 ha** of land in the ALR.
- 24%** of ALR is farmed.
- 32%** of ALR is unavailable to farming due to existing land use or topography.
- 1,700 ha** left in a natural or semi natural state.
- <4ha** Average farm size (below Metro Vancouver's average).
-  Horses are the most popular type of livestock in Maple Ridge.

Pitt Meadows

- 78%** of land in Pitt Meadows is agricultural land.
- 6,868 ha** of land in the ALR.
- 52%** of ALR is farmed.
- 27%** of ALR is unavailable to farming due to existing land use.
- 3,268 ha** left in a natural or semi natural state.
- 20%** of B.C.'s blueberry production.
-  Extensive dyking & drainage is key to productive agricultural land.
- 6th** in B.C. for overall agricultural productivity.
- 2023** Updating Agricultural Area Plan (AAP).

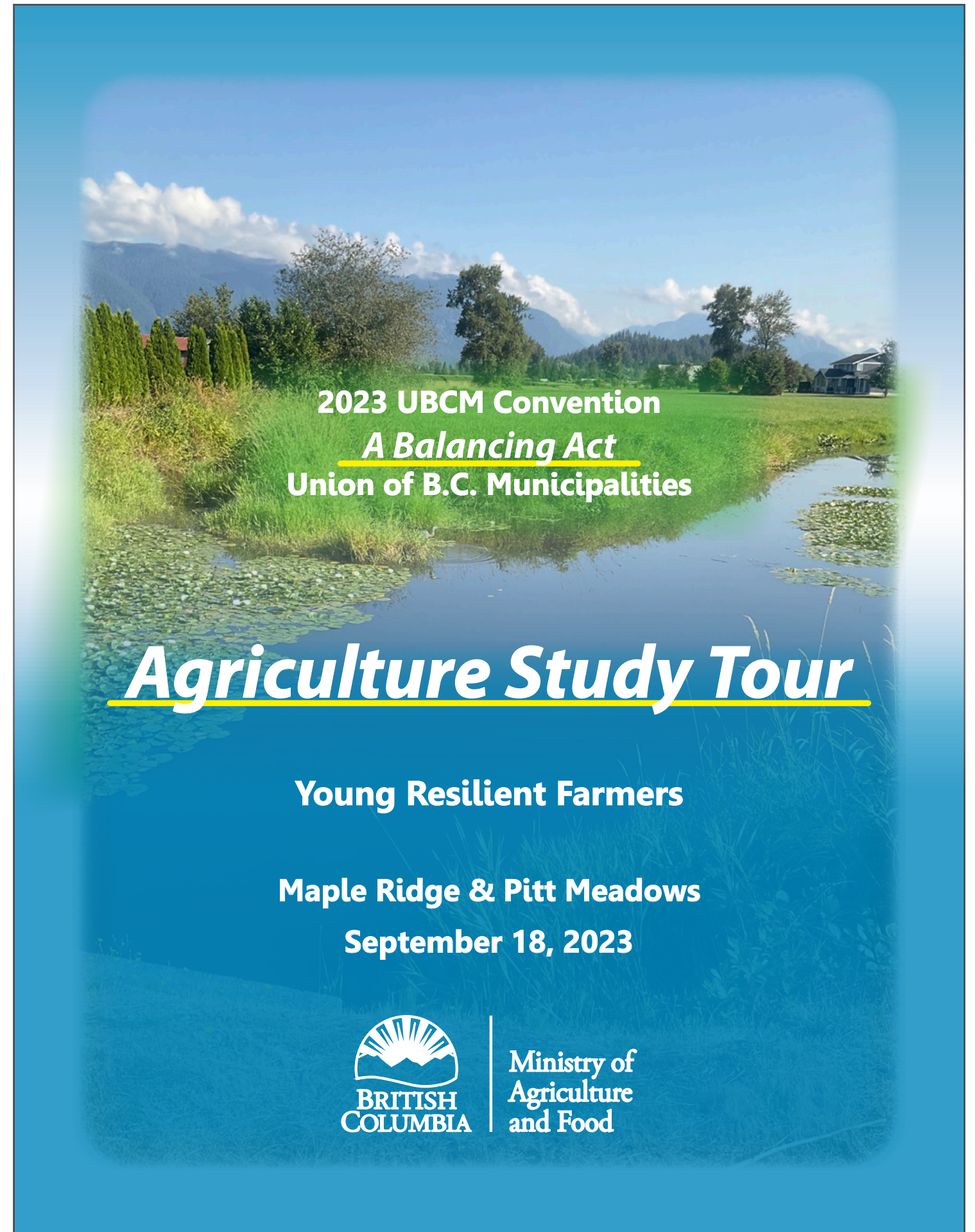
For More Information

Get in touch with knowledgeable staff anywhere in B.C.

Ministry of Agriculture and Food - AgriService BC
 Phone: 1 888 221-7141
 Email: AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca
www.gov.bc.ca/agriservicebc
 Visit the new AgriService BC Facebook Page



AgriServiceBC



2023 UBCM Convention
A Balancing Act
 Union of B.C. Municipalities

Agriculture Study Tour

Young Resilient Farmers

Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows

September 18, 2023



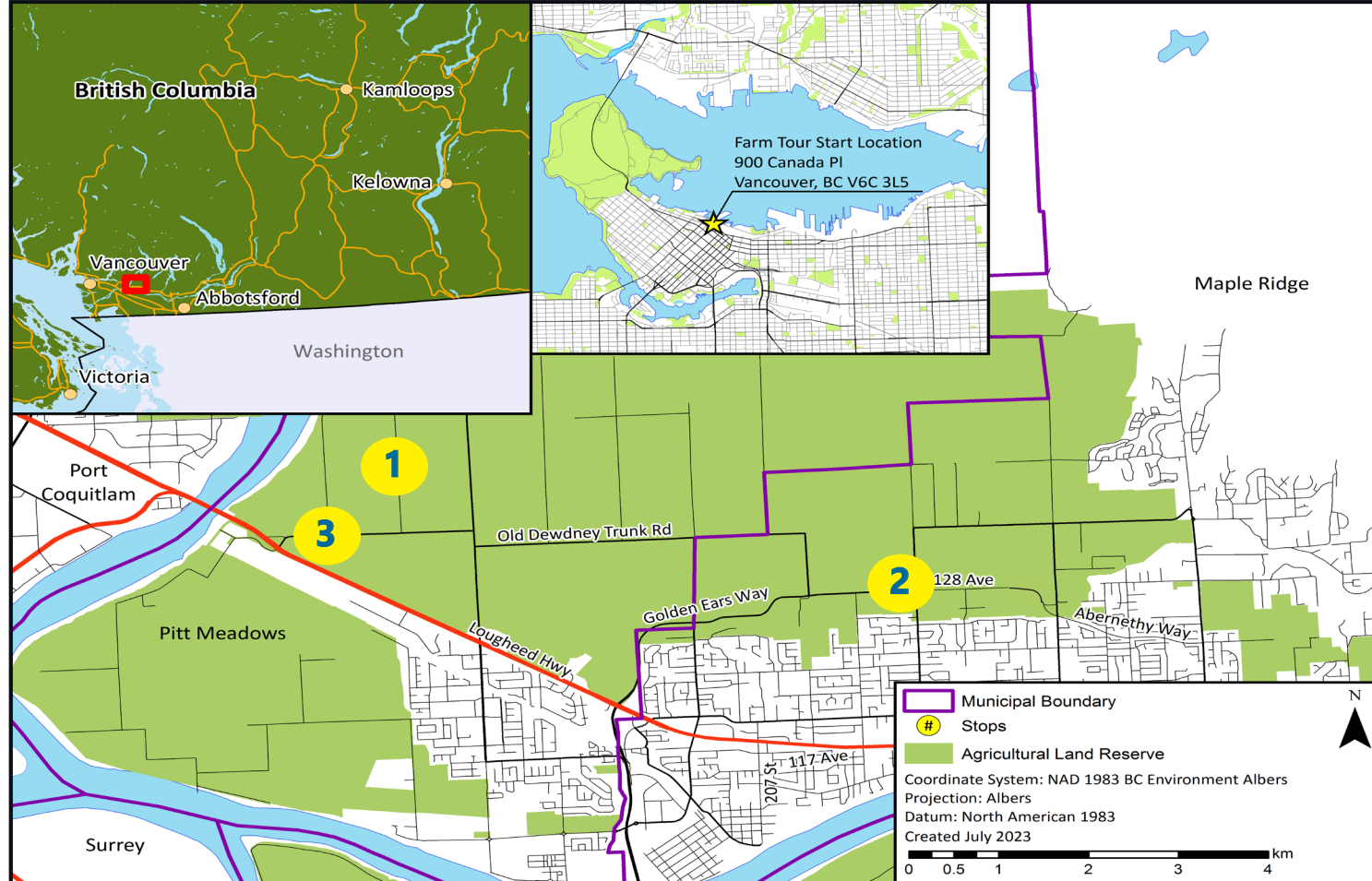
Ministry of
 Agriculture
 and Food

Itinerary

- 7:45am - 8:15am**
Welcome, registration, and departure
- 8:15am - 9:30am**
Introduction and background (Driving)
- 9:30am - 9:45am**
Pitt Meadows Rec. Centre (Bathroom)
- 10:00am - 11:00am**
Blue Magic Greenhouses
- 11:15am - 1:30pm**
Silver Valley Farms (Lunch Stop)
Speaker: Hon. Pamela Alexis,
Minister of Agriculture and Food
- 1:45pm - 3:15pm**
Hopcott Farms
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm**
Return to Vancouver

Tour Stops

- 1 Blue Magic Greenhouses**
13715 Rippington Rd,
Pitt Meadows
- 2 Silver Valley Farms**
21515 128 Ave, Maple Ridge
(Washroom available)
- 3 Hopcott Farms**
18385 Old Dewdney Trunk Rd,
Pitt Meadows
(Washroom available)



Hopcott Farms

Established in 1932, Hopcott Farm is a third generation family run mixed-use farm that has been a local treasure for decades. The farm's well-stocked market is a haven for food enthusiasts that features an assortment of farm-fresh products, including free-range meats, artisanal cheeses, and homemade preserves. Hopcott aims to be a 'one stop' source for local, natural meats, produce and specialty grocery items for food lovers and food enthusiasts of all ages living in the Lower Mainland. Hopcott applied and received authorizations from the ALC.



Silver Valley Farms

This family-run farm embraces a commitment to sustainable agriculture and offers a cornucopia of farm-fresh delights. From juicy berries to vibrant vegetables, Silver Valley Farms boasts an abundant harvest throughout the seasons. The farm's on-site market showcases a wide selection of homemade jams, preserves, and artisanal products, each made with farm fresh produce and natural flavors. Silver Valley Farms prides itself on providing a true farm-to-table experience in the heart of Maple Ridge.

Blue Magic Greenhouses

Blue Magic Greenhouses is located just east of the Pitt River in the charming town of Pitt Meadows. With a commitment to excellence, this family-owned floriculture business cultivates a wide array of vibrant and captivating blooms. Their expertise lies in producing exceptional blue flowers, and in particular, are renowned for their unique blue hue. Attention to detail, combined with their sustainable farming practices, ensures the highest quality flowers and longevity of their blossoms.

