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## BUY BC IS BACK!

Buy BC programming is being relaunched to boost B.C.'s agriculture industry and fuel public interest in shopping for made-in-BC products.

The relaunch was announced by Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture. "The goal is to connect more British Columbians and visitors with the great food and drinks made right here in BC," said Popham. "When people are making their shopping decisions, we want them to reach for BC products."

The Buy BC Partnership Program involves cost-shared funding that is available to agriculture and seafood producers, processors, and co-operatives, as well as relevant industry associations, agricultural fairs, and markets within BC.

For more information on Buy BC: [iafbc.ca/buy-bc](http://iafbc.ca/buy-bc)

## YOUNG AGRARIANS LAND MATCHERS NEEDED!

Young Agrarians BC is hiring land matchers! Are you a connector? An intuitive networker? Young Agrarians needs people with that magic matchmaking quality to connect farmers

seeking land with farmland owners who have land to lease. If you've got equal parts people skills, passion for local food systems, and a desire to spend hours poring over the BC Land Title Act, they'd love to hear from you! More info: [youngagrarians.org/job-young-agrarians-land-matcher-contract-position/](http://youngagrarians.org/job-young-agrarians-land-matcher-contract-position/)

## FARMFOLK CITYFOLK WELCOMES ANITA GEORGY

FarmFolk CityFolk has appointed Anita Georgy as their new Executive Director. Anita brings years of experience in both non-profits and food systems.

Most recently Anita was Executive Director of Richmond Food Security Society. "I believe that keeping urban folks connected to the food system is one of the most important things we can do for our communities and the planet," Anita says. "We all eat, and so food is a powerful framework to help us look at some of the biggest issues facing us today."

## ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN

Applications for the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Program are now

open. The EFP Program supports farm operations to complete agri-environmental risk assessments.

Benefits of an EFP include:

- Improved sustainability of British Columbia's agricultural industry
- Recognition of efforts to manage land in an environmentally sustainable manner
- Enhanced marketing opportunities and improved relationships with environmental agencies
- Improved response to environmental incidents through contingency planning

If you wish to have an EFP renewed or completed for your farm operation please contact the ARDCorp office: [ardcorp.ca/contact](http://ardcorp.ca/contact)

## SUMMER BC ORGANIC GROWER IS ONLINE!

Read and share articles from the Summer 2018 issue of the BC Organic Grower, including a feature on Gathering Place Trading Company and lots of pollinator-friendly content! [bcorganicgrower.ca/category/current-issue/](http://bcorganicgrower.ca/category/current-issue/)



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# EVENTS



## SAFE FOOD FOR CANADIANS REGULATIONS

The Safe Food for Canadians Regulations is published and will come into effect on January 15 2019:

- The Organic Products Regulations (OPR) will be replaced by Part 13 of the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations
- Service providers of transportation, storage, and slaughtering of organic products will not have to be certified
- Application for certification will still have to be filed at least 15 months before the day: (a) maple products; (b) field crops or crops that are grown in greenhouses with an in-ground permanent soil system are expected to be sold
- It will be possible to label as organic fruit and vegetable grown under aquaponics systems

Ginette Petitpas, Minister of Health, and Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, announced yesterday the publication of the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations in Canada Gazette, Part II.

The SFCA and SFCR generally apply to food businesses that import, export or trade interprovincially. However, certain traceability, labelling and advertising requirements also apply to food businesses that trade intraprovincially.

Until January 15, 2019, requirements such as the Organic Products Regulations (that will be replaced by the SFCA and SFCR) continue to apply.

Additional information on Canadian Food Inspection Agency website: [inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/the-cfia-chronicle/special-edition-2018-/eng/1528380073398/1528380073850](http://inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/the-cfia-chronicle/special-edition-2018-/eng/1528380073398/1528380073850)

## WINTER GARDENING

*When: July 8, 2018 | 1-3pm*

*Where: Amara Farm, Courtenay, BC*

Want to grow fresh greens through the winter? Learn how to time your plantings with Arzeena Hamir: [eventbrite.com/e/winter-gardening-workshop-plant-now-eat-later-tickets-47393377869](http://eventbrite.com/e/winter-gardening-workshop-plant-now-eat-later-tickets-47393377869)

## BC SEEDS ORGANIC SEED PRODUCTION PRINCE GEORGE

*Introduction to Seed Production  
July 10, 1-5pm @ UNBC Classroom  
Intermediate Seed Production for  
Regional Adaptation*

*July 11, 9-12pm @ UNBC Classroom  
1-5pm @ Hope Farm Organics  
[eventbrite.ca/e/organic-vegetable-seed-production-intro-advanced-workshops-in-prince-george-bc-tickets-46545922106](http://eventbrite.ca/e/organic-vegetable-seed-production-intro-advanced-workshops-in-prince-george-bc-tickets-46545922106)*

## BC SEEDS COMMERCIAL ORGANIC VEGETABLE SEED PRODUCTION

*When: July 15, 2018 | 9-4pm*

*Where: 5770 Cedar Creek Road,  
Winlaw, BC*

Learn fundamentals of commercial seed production and look at crops in the ground with Patrick Steiner as part of BC Seed Trials: [eventbrite.ca/e/commercial-organic-vegetable-](http://eventbrite.ca/e/commercial-organic-vegetable-)

[seed-production-workshop-winlaw-bc-tickets-45958808032](http://seed-production-workshop-winlaw-bc-tickets-45958808032)

## SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE

*When: July 21, 2018 | 10am-2pm*

*Where: UBC Farm, Vancouver, BC*

Beet tasting and research showcase! [eventbrite.ca/e/seeds-of-knowledge-beet-tasting-research-showcase-ubc-farm-tickets-46208064565](http://eventbrite.ca/e/seeds-of-knowledge-beet-tasting-research-showcase-ubc-farm-tickets-46208064565)

## YA VANCOUVER ISLAND FARMER CAMP OUT

*When: July 28, 2018*

*Where: Amara Farm, Comox, BC*

Details TBA! [youngagrarians.org/events/](http://youngagrarians.org/events/)

## KPU PLACE-BASED FOOD SYSTEMS CONFERENCE

*When: Aug 9-10, 2018*

*Where: Pacific Gateway Hotel,  
Richmond, BC*

This conference will bring together academic and community-based leaders and change-makers working to understand and advance place-based food systems as a foundational element of sustainable society: [kpu.ca/pbfs2018](http://kpu.ca/pbfs2018)





## REMINDERS

### BCCO LOGO

COR operators are fortunate to be able to use the Canada Organic label AND the BC Checkmark side by side.

The logo of the BC Certified Organic program is a key tool to identify certified organic products in BC. It is important that the symbol is used correctly; here is a quick reminder, especially for websites and the exclusion zone (white space.)



The Program Symbol is enclosed by a black border. The border ensures that the appropriate white space or exclusion zone is provided around the composite mark. The Program Symbol must be enclosed by the border if the Symbol is applied against colored or complex backgrounds. However, if the background is white or off-white, it may be desirable to omit the border while ensuring the appropriate exclusion zone.

### COMPLAINTS SUBMISSION FORM

Canada Organic Regime complaint submission form can be found at [certifiedorganic.bc.ca/programs/cor.php](http://certifiedorganic.bc.ca/programs/cor.php).

For complaints against an interprovincial traded product see the COR complaint form at [certifiedorganic.bc.ca/programs/cor.php](http://certifiedorganic.bc.ca/programs/cor.php).

Complaints on this form are to be directed to the Canada Organic Regime directly mail to: [OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca)

### PLANNING A MOVE?

If you change your address or contact information, send it to your CB office as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on receiving the BC Organic Grower and other materials.

## COABC YOUTUBE VIDEOS

COABC has some awesome videos up on our YouTube channel. Watch, share, and spread a little organic inspiration! As we eagerly await spring, our current favourite is all about seeds: "Watching seeds sprout is pure magic," says Arzeena Hamir, one of the growers who shared their love of seeds with us for this video. Check out *Seeds of Knowledge* and other videos featuring BC Organic farmers here: [youtube.com/watch?v=DUCBF\\_L0Bg](https://youtube.com/watch?v=DUCBF_L0Bg)



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### NEWSLETTER LINKS

BC Agriculture Council:  
COABC is a member under the  
Community Agriculture seat  
[www.bcac.bc.ca](http://www.bcac.bc.ca)

OFC info-bio:  
[www.organicfederation.ca/  
newsletter](http://www.organicfederation.ca/newsletter)

BCSPCA:  
[www.sPCA.bc.ca](http://www.sPCA.bc.ca)

### CYBER HELP

Cyberhelp for Farmers is currently being redeveloped.

