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UPDATE TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- AVFSS will be awarding the Edna Cox Bursary for the fourth consecutive year. Valued at \$800, the bursary recognizes an ADSS graduate who has demonstrated a strong interest in, or commitment to, advancing local food security.
- Funding has been secured through the Canada Summer Jobs program to hire two Summer Program Assistants. These youth positions will support gleaning coordination, work in community gardens, and assist with community events. Job postings will be available shortly on Alberni Valley Food Security Society website (www.avfood.ca) and the AV Employment website. Committee members are encouraged to share the opportunity widely.
- The Farm Fish Forage Directory is now live at www.avfood.ca/fff. This online resource allows users to easily search for local food producers by product, season, or location.
- The Gleaning Project will be operating for its 14th season. Registration for both hosts and volunteer pickers will open on May 1 at www.avfood.ca/gleaning.
- The Grower's Guide will be published on May 6 and distributed as an insert in the Alberni Valley News. The guide highlights local markets, farms, food-related events, and organizations throughout the region.

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