

# Agricultural Plan & Implementation Project

In 2011, the ACRD Board of Directors adopted the **Alberni Valley Agricultural Plan** which sets forth a vision for development of the resources required for the community to produce 40% of the food consumed locally within 20 years. Planning staff, and the consultants hired to formulate the Plan, developed 12 primary goals to achieve this vision with feedback and guidance from the ACRD Agricultural Advisory Committee, various agriculture, government, and First Nations stakeholders as well as extensive public consultation. Each of the primary goals includes individual action items which will contribute to achievement of the overall objectives of the Plan.

In 2014, the ACRD contracted a team of Agricultural Support Workers to assist with implementation of the Plan. Under the guidance of the newly established Agricultural Development Committee and the diverse community they represent, the Agricultural Plan Implementation Project has resulted in a stronger and more vibrant farming community, several local informational databases and documents, an increased public presence for agriculture, and new micro-projects and funding resources. Recent local publications include:

## 2023

- **System Change Report - Year 2**
- **Madelaine Parent's (UBC Intern) Report - Envisioning an Agri-Foods staff position**
- **In-person Event Summary - Agri-extension and research support**
- **Guide to Farm Gate Stands**
- **Future of ACRD Agricultural Support Human Resources and Program Needs**
- **Council for Agricultural Water Supply, Final report**
- **Board presentation - Agricultural Supply of Water**
- **2023 Grower's Guide**

## 2022

- **Template for Tracking Evaluation Data**
- **Agriculture Support and Challenges - Exploring the Role of BC Regional Districts**
- **System Change Project, Year 1 Report**
- **Evaluation Metrics for Regional Agricultural Support**
- **Demonstrating the Value of Regional Agricultural Support**
- **Agri-Extension and Research Support - What's Available**
- **Agri-Extension and Research Support - Discussion and Brainstorming Session**

## 2021

- **Overview of ACRD's System Change Project (2021-2024)**
- **Agricultural Support Program Progress Report**
- **Agricultural Plan Implementation Project - 2019-2021 Strategic Plan**
- **Developing a Community Food Project -Workbook & Guide**
- **Summary - Coastal Agriculture Roundtable April 2021**
- **Community Gardens - Strengths & Struggles**

## 2020

- **Summary - Coastal Agriculture Roundtable November 2020**

- **Coastal Agricultural Roundtable: Strategic Priorities & Plan 2020**
- **Home-Grown Grocery Event - POSTER**
- **2020 System Change Report**
- **Expanding the Influence of Regional Agricultural Support - Event Summary**
- **Coastal Communities Food Policy Report 2020**
- **Covid-19 Mitigation and Action Plan for Agriculture (MAP-A)**
- **Coastal Agriculture Project Development Support**
- **News Release - Regional Designation under the Meat Inspection Regulations**
- **2020 West Coast Growers' Guide**
- **Port Alberni Food Processing Hub**
- **Summary - Coastal Agriculture Roundtable Meeting March 2020**

## **2019**

- **2019 Agricultural Support Initiatives**
- **Minutes Coastal Agricultural Roundtable Nov 19**

- [Coastal Agriculture Resource Sheet](#)
- [Coastal Addendum Briefing - 'What Can you Do?'](#)
- [Home-Grown Grocery Game, Event Summary](#)
- [Home-Grown Survey Grocery Event, Survey Responses](#)
- [Project Brochure 2019](#)

## 2018

- [Coastal Addendum to the Alberni Agriculture Plan](#) December 2018
- [Coastal Addendum Interim Report:](#) Coastal Addendum to the Alberni Valley Agricultural Plan
- [2017 Year in Review](#)
- [Presentation to Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish, Food](#)
- [Agricultural Grants and Resources Document](#)
- [Grow Local Program - Gardening Tips](#)
- [Grow Local Program - Public Survey Summary, 2018](#)
- [Emergency Procedures for Agriculture - Workshop Notes, May 2018](#)

## 2017

- [Waterwise Landscaping:](#) Practices to reduce water usage
- [Rainwater Harvesting:](#) Tips for collection and storage of rainwater
- [Farm-Scale Rainwater Harvesting & Storage:](#) Techniques to create a more resilient farm water system
- [West Coast Grower's Guide 2017:](#) Local food map including producers, community gardens, commercial kitchens, markets, and more
- [Alberni Valley Designation:](#) A background report for the ACRD's request for Regional Designation under the Meat Inspection Regulations
- [Grow Local Program Survey Results:](#) A summary of responses to a community survey of food production and gardening knowledge
- [Grow Local Program:](#) 2017 Calendar of Events
- [Alberni Armyworm Report:](#) Summary of the 2017 infestation, includes Ministry infosheets
- [Agricultural Plan Implementation Project:](#) Final report, phase 3, February 2017
- [ACRD Water for Growth:](#) Final Report October 2017

## 2016

- [Abattoir Feasibility Study: April 2016](#)
- [Alberni Abattoir Town Hall:](#) Event summary
- [Progress Review, Alberni Agricultural Plan:](#) August 2016
- [Brand Use Agreement:](#) What's On Your Fork?
- [Support for Marine Culture in ACRD:](#) Opportunities and challenges for coastal aquaculture
- [Land Access for Farmers:](#) Community networking event summary
- [Project brochure, Phase 3](#)
- [Agricultural Plan Implementation Project:](#) Final Report, phase 2, March 2016

## 2015

- [West Coast Grower's Guide 2015](#)
- [Buy-Local Proposal](#): A branding concept for the Alberni Valley and West Coast
- [Farmer Meet Up Event 2015](#): A summary of community discussion about marketing to local restaurants, regional branding, agricultural cooperatives, and land linking/leasing
- [Farmer's Market Research](#): A summary of results from an ACRD Rapid Market Assessment
- [Public & Farmers Market Concept Small Producers Guide](#): Selling to Restaurants, Retailers, and Distributors
- [Grant Opportunities](#): Agriculture and Food Security in the ACRD
- [Project Brochure, Phase 2](#)
- [Moving Agriculture Forward in the ACRD](#): Final report, phase 1, May 2015

## 2014

- [Project Brochure, Phase 1](#)

## 2011

- [Discussion Paper](#): Planning for a strong agricultural community
- [Alberni Valley Agricultural Plan](#): 2011-2031