

# IN MEMORY OF 'FARMER BILL' THOMSON

Bill Thomson, a devoted farmer and community leader, brought joy to Family Farms Day with his tractor hayrides at Arrowvale Farm (Site #2). Known for his determination, humour, and passion for agriculture, his legacy lives on as his daughter Kasha continues the hayrides this year in his honour.

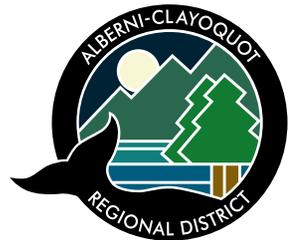


Welcome to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Farms Day!

Rural and urban growing sites in the Alberni Valley have opened their properties to the community for free self-guided tours.

**DON'T FORGET**  
**COOLER TO STORE FRESH FOOD**  
**CASH FOR FARMGATE PURCHASES**  
**APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR**

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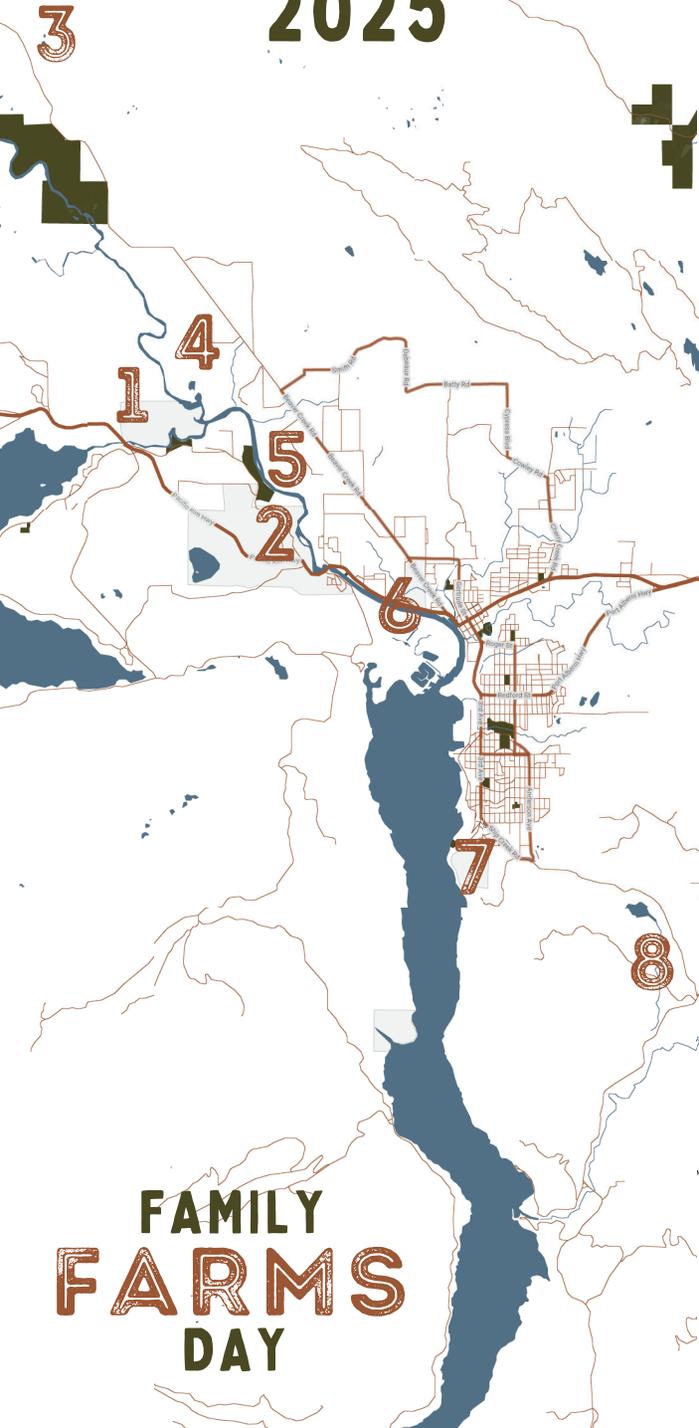
# 2025 SITE GUIDE

# 14 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11AM-3PM



# SITE MAP

2025



**FAMILY  
FARMS  
DAY**

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## COLEMAN MEADOWS - 6670 COLEMAN ROAD

Russell, Jennifer, Edward & Melanie Dyson welcome you to their two farm businesses: a water buffalo and cow dairy. Learn more about environmental stewardship and animal husbandry as you meet the friendly animals, wander through the garden and visit the farm shop.

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## ARROWVALE FARM - 5955 HECTOR ROAD

The Collins Family have farmed in the Valley since 1980 and keep a herd of Belted Galloway beef cattle, Canadian horses, and a variety of smaller livestock. Learn more about the issues facing family farms, take a hayride, visit the animals, and purchase local food.

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## MORNING STAR WOOLLENS - 9010 BRYSON ROAD

Morning Star Woollens blends regenerative flower cultivation with lustrous Blueface Leicester sheep wool, creating beauty from soil to stitch to stem. Farmer-educator Star shares her passion through workshops, fostering connection to natural cycles, biodiversity, and sustainable design in a vibrant farm where flowers and sheep thrive together.

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## RAGES FARM - 7685 MACKENZIE ROAD

Rages Farm started in 1961 and is a 6-acre commercial greenhouse operation growing and packing hot house vegetable varieties. Learn more about the processes involved in greenhouse growing of their cucumbers, strawberries, tomatoes and peppers.

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## EDEN TREE FARM & GARDEN - 6220 KAREN PLACE

Heather invites you to explore her teeny-tiny, permaculture-inspired farm and plant nursery. A scavenger hunt for children leads to treasures like colony-raised rabbits, a rainwater cistern, and a myriad of fruits, berries, and vegetables.

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## HUPAČASATH COMMUNITY FARM - 4890 BEAVER CREEK ROAD

The Hupačasath Community Farm is a market-style garden dedicated to growing fresh produce for the Hupačasath First Nation. With expanding vegetable production, 2 greenhouses, and new projects in development, the farm blends food security, community involvement, and future plans for animal husbandry and expanded common spaces.

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## THE TINY FARM - 2253 CAMERON DRIVE

The Tiny Farm features a charming miniature urban orchard and gardens with assorted vegetables, apples, cherries, pears, grapes, quince, and more. Laurie and Colin cultivate a vibrant food forest that blends fresh fruit, seasonal produce, and community connection (hosting the Gleaning Project and pruning workshops) in a small-property setting.

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## SHELTER FARM - 725 FRANKLIN RIVER ROAD

The ladies of the TRC welcome you to their farm! Shelter Farm is home to the Port Alberni Shelter Society's Therapeutic Recovery Community—a long-term recovery program for women overcoming addiction. Shelter Farm grows a wide variety of vegetables for the surrounding communities and is also home to a flock of laying hens.