

## ***Agricultural Land Use Inventory Update 2022/23***

### ***Gleaning Farm Info:***

### ***Agrologists coming to a field near you***

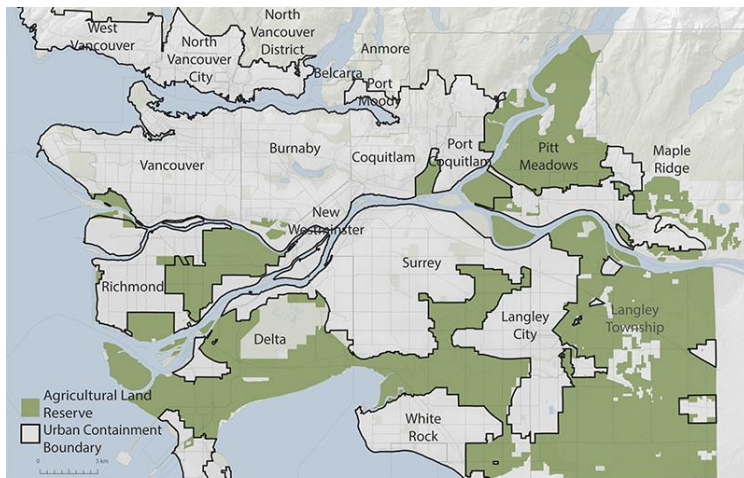
Metro Vancouver Regional District, the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and the Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC are completing an Agricultural Land Use Inventory (ALUI) in Greater Vancouver.

Agrologists and technicians are using high resolution aerial imagery to map crops, irrigation, natural vegetation, buildings, livestock facilities, and farm practices for parcels in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and parcels outside the ALR with farming.

To confirm information gathered from the imagery, crews will navigate public roads and observe the land from within the vehicle, often with binoculars.

From **June 7<sup>th</sup> to September 16<sup>th</sup>**, watch for a silver Mitsubishi Outlander (Plate CH6-59L), other B.C. government vehicle, or a rental vehicle with “Ministry of Agriculture” magnetic placards. These vehicles will be making frequent stops to observe farmland. Schedules for specific areas may be posted when confirmed.

**This survey is subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**



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*Survey includes ALR plus other parcels where farming is observed*

The data will provide insight into the current state of farmland and changes since the previous inventory in 2016. The data will be used to:

- Inform the development of municipal Official Community Plans and Agriculture Area Plans;
- Measure performance of *Metro Vancouver 2050* Regional Growth Strategy, regarding the extent of actively farmed land;
- Investigate impacts to agriculture from new developments, bylaws or regulations;
- Enable scientific estimates of agricultural water demand for current and future climates; and
- Model potential impacts of climate change and different adaptation strategies.

To learn more about the ALUI program visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/strengthening-farming/planning-for-agriculture/agricultural-land-use-inventories>