

Central Okanagan Agricultural Land Use Inventory Update 2023

Farming for Info: Agrologists coming to a field near you

The BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and the Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC are completing an Agricultural Land Use Inventory (ALUI) update across the Central Okanagan.

Agrologists and technicians are mapping crops, irrigation, natural vegetation, buildings, livestock facilities, and farm practices in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and parcels outside the ALR where farming is observed.

Ministry representatives will be using public roads to observe farmland with binoculars from SUVs or pickup trucks with “Ministry of Agriculture and Food” signs.

Watch for survey crews making frequent stops across the Central Okanagan from July 31st until September 15th 2023.



Survey includes ALR plus other parcels where farming is observed

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Agricultural Land Use Inventory data will provide insight into the current state of farmland and changes since the previous regional inventories from 2014. The data may be used to:

- Inform the development of municipal Official Community Plans and Agriculture Area Plans;
- Measure the extent of actively farmed land and identify other major activities on the land base;
- 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>

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