

Xwulqw'selu Sta'lo' (Koksilah River) Watershed Agricultural Land Use Inventory 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) across the Xwulqw'selu Sta'lo' (Koksilah River) Watershed.

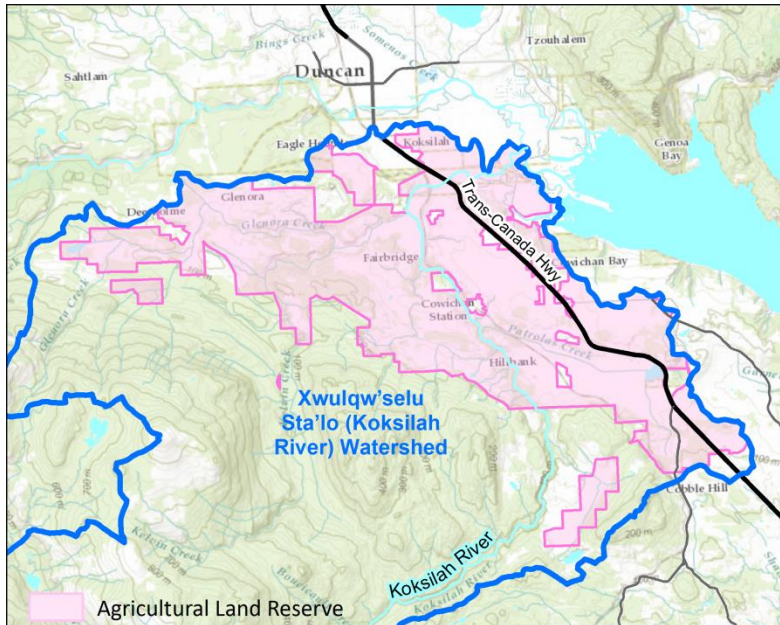
Agrologists and technicians are mapping crops, irrigation, natural vegetation, buildings, livestock facilities, and farm practices in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and parcels outside the ALR where farming is observed.

Ministry representatives will be using public roads to observe farmland with binoculars from a **grey Dodge Durango** or other vehicle marked with "Ministry of Agriculture and Food" signs.



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Watch for survey crews making frequent stops across the region from **September 11th to September 15th**.



Survey includes ALR plus other parcels where farming is observed

Agricultural Land Use Inventory data will provide insight into the current state of farmland and enable observation of future changes. 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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