



Robson Valley Agriculture Forum

October 3-4, 2025
McBride, BC

REPORT



The Village of McBride hosted the inaugural Robson Valley Agriculture Forum October 3-4, 2025 in McBride.

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Register Now!

Last day to register - Sept 25



The Corporation of the Village of McBride presents the:



Robson Valley Agriculture Forum



Join us for a day and a half of presentations, workshops, panel discussions and networking as we explore the future of agriculture in the Robson Valley.



Subject matter experts will touch on topics ranging from climate adaptation and soil health to the value of native pollinators, best practices, emergency preparedness, opportunities for growth, and so much more!



Friday, Oct 3, 7:00-8:30pm – On-Farm Emergency Planning Workshop

Saturday, Oct 4, 8:30am-5:00pm – Forum. Doors open at 8:00am

Saturday, Oct 4, 5:30pm on – Post-event social - Gigglin' Grizzly Pub

91 attendees over two days

10 presentations and 2 panel discussions

7 event sponsors

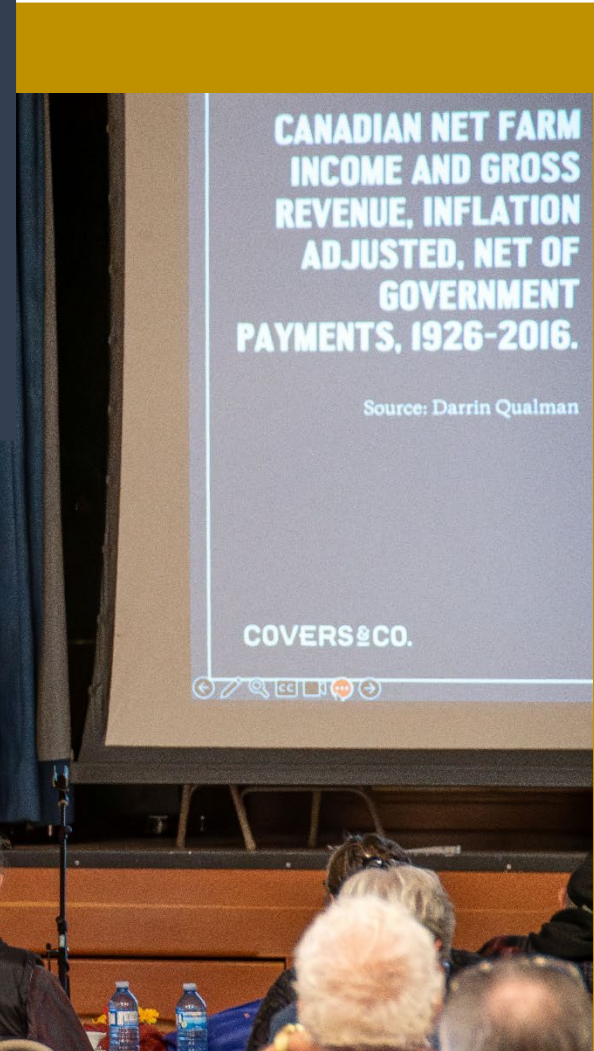


Forum Speakers included:

- BC Agriculture Council
- McBride Farmers' Institute
- Buffalo Creek Consulting
- Hope Farm Organics
- BC Forage Council
- Rivershed Society of BC
- NW Invasive Plant Council of BC
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- BC Ministry of Agriculture (Agrologist and Beef Specialist)
- Dunster Community Association
- District C Farmers' Institute
- AG Safe BC
- UNBC
- FarmFolk CityFolk
- Covers & Co.
- Native Bees of BC

TOPICS COVERED

- On-Farm Emergency Preparedness
- Farmers' Markets: Strengths and Limitations
- Opportunities in Agriculture - Panel
- Native Bees of British Columbia
- Cell Design for Advanced Rotational Grazing
- Innovation in Agriculture - Panel
- Cover Crops
- Dunster Farmland Preservation
- Best Management and Reporting Practices for Invasives
- Climate and Labour Adaptations



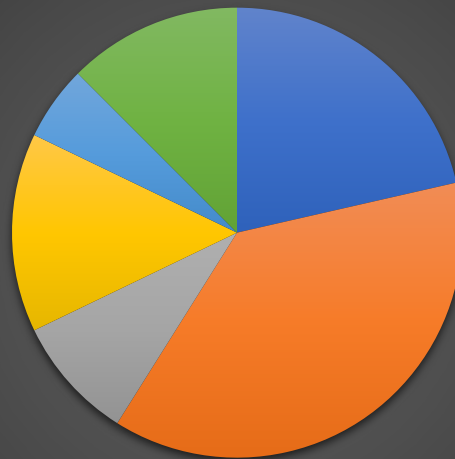
76% of forum attendees work in the Agriculture Sector

Forum attendees came to the event from the Robson Valley, McBride, Dunster, Valemount, Prince George, across the north of the province, the lower mainland, Alberta, and Manitoba.

Forum Attendee Feedback



What did attendees find valuable?



■ Panel Discussions

■ Presentations

■ Sponsor Displays

■ Networking

■ Question and Answers

■ Diversity of Topics

“I thought the whole premise of the event was encouraging. Bringing people with an interest in agriculture together with an idea of exploring what is possible here.”

“I thought the event was well organized and worth attending and would participate in something similar in the future.”

“I was pleased with the first forum, just continue growing. Looking towards the future.”

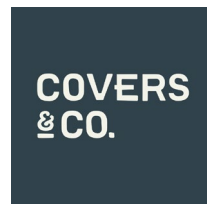
What attendees would like to see improved/added for next time:

- A youth panel of northern farmers under 30 would be really valuable
- Provide more time for questions and answers
- 4H and marketing
- More on cover crops and crop succession
- Agroforestry opportunities
- Hands on training sessions
- Gardening for profit
- Ideas for local land use for small operations



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The Village of McBride extends heartfelt thanks to all of the sponsors of the Robson Valley Agriculture Forum for their generous support. Sponsor contributions make it possible to host this inaugural event free of charge for participants, ensuring accessibility for producers, processors, and community members across the Robson Valley.



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