



Yukon Agriculture Land Link

What is the Yukon Agriculture Land Link?

The Yukon Agriculture Land Link is a pilot project connecting landowners wanting to better utilize their farmland and those seeking land to start or expand a farm enterprise. The Agriculture Branch's newest service collects and provides contact information for landowners and prospective farmers so the two parties can enter into creative dialogue to develop productive farming operations.

Why is it needed?

For new farmers, the high cost of land is seen as a barrier to getting started. Connecting new farmers with landowners may provide an entry level alternative while providing a way to establish a business track record. For landowners, connecting with land seekers provides them with the opportunity to improve land utilization, increase the value of their farm land and/or provide an income stream.

What activities are covered?

The relationship between land owners and land seekers can span a wide range of opportunities as long as it is agriculture related. It could be as simple as connecting horse owners with grazing land or making a portion of underutilized land available to a new farmer that wants to test out his or her agriculture idea. It could also be something more complex, such as the transition of ownership of a farm enterprise over an extended period of time. Whatever relationship is settled on, the parties will be responsible to communicate what the arrangement will be, and how it will best serve the expectations of both parties.

The Agriculture Branch's role

The Agriculture Branch will be collecting the names of owners and seekers interested in the Yukon Agriculture Land Link. As contact information is gathered, the Agriculture branch will exchange this information between parties based on compatibility. Only those enrolled in the service will have access to the information.

How to enroll in this service

Interested landowners and land seekers can register with the Yukon Agriculture Land Link service by e-mailing: agriculture@gov.yk.ca or by calling (867) 667-5838, toll free in Yukon 1-800-661-0408 extension 5838. Please forward your contact details along with the following information:

Landowners with an agriculture land opportunity:

- Define what kind of arrangement you are interested in. This could include leasing, partnerships, mentoring or fill in the blank with your own idea;
- Farm description, including its current state, soil types, infrastructure and equipment available; and
- Acreage available for a new farmer. This can be a small piece of the property or the majority of your property.

Land seekers desiring agriculture land:

- Outline of experience, willingness to farm and a general farm plan; and
- Land and equipment needs.