

IN MEMORY OF 'FARMER BILL' THOMSON

Bill Thomson, a devoted farmer and community leader, brought joy to Family Farms Day with his tractor hayrides at Arrowvale Farm (Site #2). Known for his determination, humour, and passion for agriculture, his legacy lives on as his daughter Kasha continues the hayrides this year in his honour.



Welcome to the 13th Annual
Family Farms Day!

Rural and urban growing sites
in the Alberni Valley have
opened their properties to
the community for free
self-guided tours.

DON'T FORGET
COOLER TO STORE FRESH FOOD
CASH FOR FARMGATE PURCHASES
APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

PRESENTED BY:



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FAMILY FARMS DAY

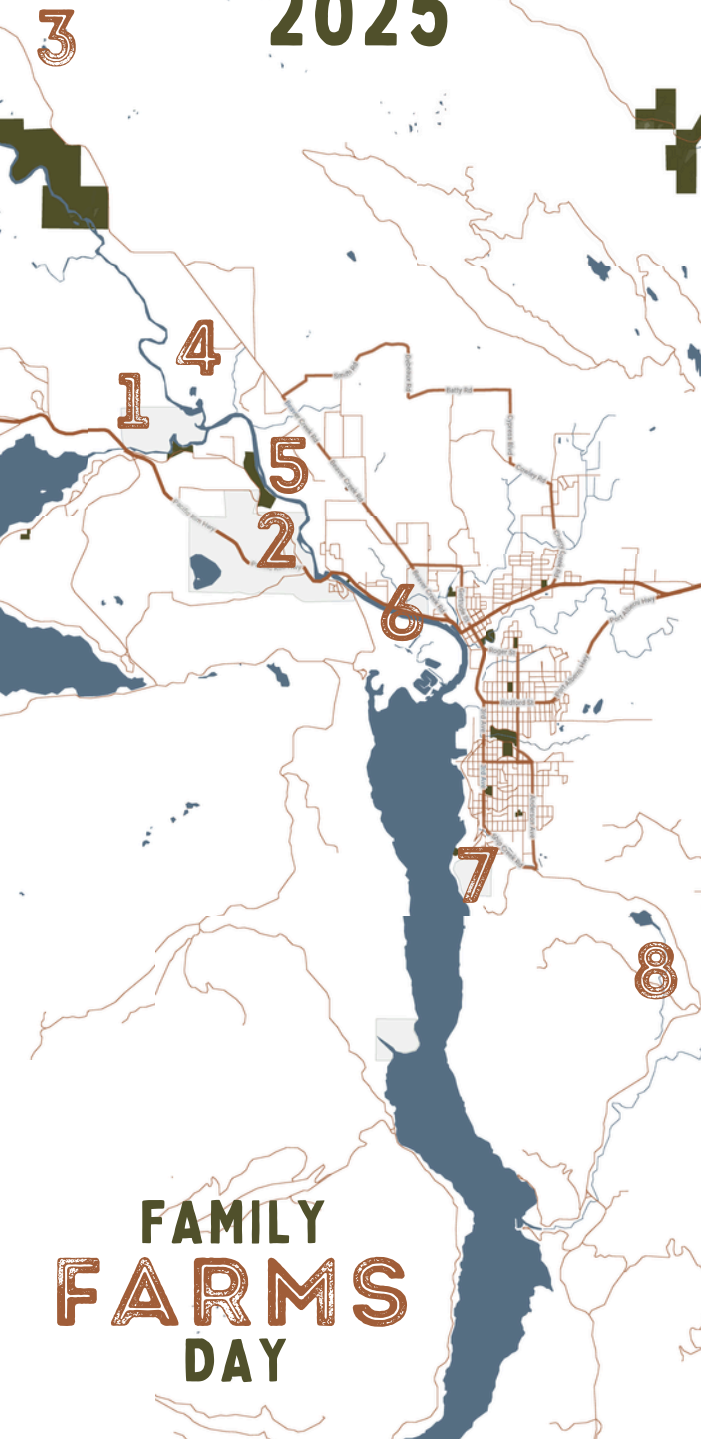
2025 SITE GUIDE

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SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
11AM-3PM

SITE MAP

2025



**FAMILY
FARMS
DAY**

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COLEMAN MEADOWS - 6670 COLEMAN ROAD

Russell, Jennifer, Edward & Melanie Dyson welcome you to their two farm businesses: a water buffalo and cow dairy. Learn more about environmental stewardship and animal husbandry as you meet the friendly animals, wander through the garden and visit the farm shop.

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ARROWVALE FARM - 5955 HECTOR ROAD

The Collins Family have farmed in the Valley since 1980 and keep a herd of Belted Galloway beef cattle, Canadian horses, and a variety of smaller livestock. Learn more about the issues facing family farms, take a hayride, visit the animals, and purchase local food.

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MORNING STAR WOOLLENS - 9010 BRYSON ROAD

Morning Star Woollens blends regenerative flower cultivation with lustrous Blueface Leicester sheep wool, creating beauty from soil to stitch to stem. Farmer-educator Star shares her passion through workshops, fostering connection to natural cycles, biodiversity, and sustainable design in a vibrant farm where flowers and sheep thrive together.

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RAGES FARM - 7685 MACKENZIE ROAD

Rages Farm started in 1961 and is a 6-acre commercial greenhouse operation growing and packing hot house vegetable varieties. Learn more about the processes involved in greenhouse growing of their cucumbers, strawberries, tomatoes and peppers.

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EDEN TREE FARM & GARDEN - 6220 KAREN PLACE

Heather invites you to explore her teeny-tiny, permaculture-inspired farm and plant nursery. A scavenger hunt for children leads to treasures like colony-raised rabbits, a rainwater cistern, and a myriad of fruits, berries, and vegetables.

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HUPAČASATH COMMUNITY FARM - 4890 BEAVER CREEK ROAD

The Hupačasath Community Farm is a market-style garden dedicated to growing fresh produce for the Hupačasath First Nation. With expanding vegetable production, 2 greenhouses, and new projects in development, the farm blends food security, community involvement, and future plans for animal husbandry and expanded common spaces.

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THE TINY FARM - 2253 CAMERON DRIVE

The Tiny Farm features a charming miniature urban orchard and gardens with assorted vegetables, apples, cherries, pears, grapes, quince, and more. Laurie and Colin cultivate a vibrant food forest that blends fresh fruit, seasonal produce, and community connection (hosting the Gleaning Project and pruning workshops) in a small-property setting.

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SHELTER FARM - 725 FRANKLIN RIVER ROAD

The ladies of the TRC welcome you to their farm! Shelter Farm is home to the Port Alberni Shelter Society's Therapeutic Recovery Community—a long-term recovery program for women overcoming addiction. Shelter Farm grows a wide variety of vegetables for the surrounding communities and is also home to a flock of laying hens.