



B.C. LAND MATCHING PROGRAM

The B.C. Land Matching Program (BCLMP) provides land matching and business support services to new farmers looking for land to farm, as well as landowners interested in finding someone to farm their land. The benefits of land matching are hands-on, personalized support services to new farmers and landowners to better understand regulations, evaluate opportunities, access resources, and ultimately find a land match partner. The program is delivered by Young Agrarians and addresses the significant barrier to land access for those seeking to enter the B.C. agriculture industry.

The B.C. Land Matching Program provides:

- An online and searchable inventory of B.C. land opportunities
- Personalized and regionally based matchmaking services for new farmers and landowners, including referrals to business and technical support services
- Educational events and resources to increase knowledge and facilitate matches between new farmers and landowners.

Who can participate in the B.C. Land Matching Program?

- New farmers seeking land to set up their agricultural business
- Landowners looking for someone to farm their land
- Farmers and farmland owners seeking support to develop land agreements

Young Agrarians Land Matcher Services:

- Assist Landowners to list their land on the Young Agrarians digital Resource U-Map and evaluate land opportunities for agricultural viability;
- Support young and new farmer readiness with business plan assessment and connections to resources, extension information, and agricultural services where available;
- Provide hands-on, personalized matchmaking to support Land Seekers to find the most suitable land opportunity for their farm project;
- Support Landowners to find the most suitable farmer(s) for their land opportunity;
- Facilitate introductions, site visits, and negotiations between Land Seekers and Land Owners;
- Support the development of legally binding agreements between parties;
- Follow-up to ensure a good land match.

Application Instructions:

The BCLMP is personalized to each participant's needs – Beekeepers are encouraged to reach out to their regional land matchers to learn how the program can support them.

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If you are outside of one of the regions currently serviced by our Land Matchers, please reach out to land@youngagrarians.org – we want to hear from you! Someone will be in touch with other ways we can support your land access needs.

Visit our website at : <https://youngagrarians.org/>

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