



Value Added Agriculture

“What we love about Grand Forks is the local backing. We are well supported by the community and that’s what makes it a joy to do business here.”

**- Jeremy DeVries,
Jerseyland Organics**

Sector Overview

The roots of Grand Forks, its economy, and its livelihood are strongly tied to its agricultural sector. The region’s fertile soil, favorable climate, and long growing season make it an ideal location for agricultural production, while its central location, and entrepreneurial spirit make it a hub for a variety of value added agricultural products and services. The agricultural production is diverse, featuring a wide range of crops and livestock, including fruit orchards, vineyards, beef and dairy cattle, poultry, and honeybees.

This diversity provides a variety of opportunities for consumers to interact with the agriculture sector. Grand Forks is known for its farmer’s markets, agri-tourism, various agriculture related events, and food cooperatives that support local growers, entrepreneurs, and creators. If you are looking to start a business, or invest in the agricultural sector, Grand Forks and Area D should be high on your list.

Highlights

Over **100 existing farms and 22,000 acres** of Agricultural Land Reserve producing a variety of crops and products

Receiving over **2,100 annual hours of sunshine**, Grand Forks is well above average in BC.

Home to one of the **largest wholesale nurseries in Western Canada**

Why Grand Forks?



A Convergence of the Value Chain

The region is a natural convergence point for producers, processors, transporters, and retailers.



Diverse Production

A long growing season allows for a variety of products and services including tree farm nurseries, market gardening, orchards, ranching, vineyards, agri-tourism, and more.



Year-Round Sunshine

Grand Forks gets over 2,100 hours of sun every year and is known for its year round sunny days.



Proximity to Multiple Markets

Located on the Crowsnest Highway 3 corridor, Grand Forks is within proximity of the Lower Mainland, Okanagan, Kootenays, Alberta, and the US.



Water Services

Often celebrated by agriculture businesses in Grand Forks are the irrigation services that serve the region.



“Grand Forks pursues agriculture with innovation to bring vitality to the local economy and creative products to market”



Opportunities in Grand Forks

The region is diverse and innovative when it comes to agriculture and the opportunities are plentiful.

- Value Added Processing
- Agri-Tourism
- Greenhouses for Year Round Growth and Floriculture
- Agri-Tech Research and Development
- Sustainable and Organic Agricultural Operations
- Agricultural Education Opportunities
- Hydroponic Farming
- Business Purchase and Succession Opportunities

In Good Company

There is a culture of success in the local agricultural industry. In Grand Forks, you are in good company amongst:

- Jerseyland Organics
- Kettle Valley Food Coop
- Grand Forks Farms
- Funny Farm Tack and More
- Love'nder Acres Lavender Farm and Labyrinth
- Nick's Feedway – Grand Forks
- Rilkoﬀ General Store
- Lidhra Farm
- Bron and Sons Nursery Co.
- Advance Orchard Co. Ltd.



Industry Resources

The following are some resources that can be accessed to grow your business, apply for loans, and receive professional support. Contact them today to learn more.

- Agri-tech Concierge Program
- B.C. Agri-Business Planning Program
- B.C. Land Matching Program
- B.C. Tree Fruit Replant Program
- Canada-BC Agri-Innovation
- Knowledge and Technology Transfer Program
- Small Farm Business Acceleration Program
- Agriculture Income Protection (Agri-Stability)
- On-Farm Food Safety Program
- Farm Credit Canada
- Agricultural and Food Business Solutions Fund


How Community Futures Can Help


Community Futures can support your business by:

- Offering Business Financing and Coaching
- Providing specific market information
- Providing insight into major projects planned in the region through our network and events
- Facilitating attraction and retention of workforce

Contact Community Futures Boundary

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