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Regional Guide to B.C. Producers and Processors

Want to find a local producer or processor in B.C. but don't know where to begin?

Look no further, here are some ideas to help you and your students discover and connect with your local food suppliers!

From directories to regional maps, this short guide provides province-wide resources as well as some regional examples which highlight B.C.'s thriving food system of which we are all a part. If your specific region isn't listed here, we hope this selection of easy-to-use resources will equip and inspire you and your students to research your local producer and processor network.

Across British Columbia

Buy BC

[Buy BC](#) was created to help British Columbians select fresh-tasting, high-quality products that are grown, raised, and made in B.C. You can also encourage students to look out for the eye-catching logo when they go to the shops, or you can also search for Buy BC products on the [website](#).



We ♥ Local BC

[We ♥ Local BC](#) is a collaborative project undertaken by the B.C. Agriculture Council and its membership. As the collective voice for agriculture in B.C., they define local as all food and agricultural products grown and raised in British Columbia - a perfect fit for The Great B.C. School Cook-Off!





On We ♥ Local B.C., you can specify your B.C. region and search by food category. Here, you'll find direct connections with farmers and producers for your recipes – a simple way to meet the people behind the products while strengthening B.C.'s local food system!

The B.C. Farmers' Market Trail

Use [The B.C. Farmers' Market Trail](#) to find fresh, local, in-season food at a B.C. farmers' market. Search by region, community and season to find a farmers' market near your school.



The Young Agrarians U-Map

Playing on the word U-Pick, the [Young Agrarians U-Map](#) is a 'live' resource where community members can add their farms, seed suppliers, and share favourite resources. The aim of the map and this active network is to drive more consumers towards supporting local producers and build connections between new farmers.



Farm Folk City Folk's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Map

You can use this [CSA Map](#) to find local CSAs across B.C., searching by type of produce or region. As B.C.'s oldest and largest food and agriculture charitable non-profit organization, Farm Folk City Folk highlights local farms making it easy for consumers to support local agriculture.



Grow BC – B.C.'s Agriculture Resources | B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation Farm and Food interactive map is a [Grow BC resource](#) showing where and how commodities in the province are grown and produced. You'll also find a range of useful resources designed for teachers to show K-12 students the diversity of the province's commodities and the importance of B.C.'s agriculture industry.



B.C. Farm Fresh

Use the [Farm Fresh](#) search tool to locate local farms and find out what produce, fruits and meats they sell. You can also learn about upcoming events, workshops and classes as well as farm features and attractions.





Organic B.C. Directory

The [Organic B.C. Directory](#) not only showcases local organic farms in B.C., but also provides information about provincial organic standards, resources, news, and relevant events.



Zoning into your local area

There is an impressive amount of regional local food directories available, created by municipalities, food policy councils, local businesses, and other organizations. For example, the City of Surrey and the City of Powell River have interactive food and farmer maps which are listed below alongside a selection of other regional examples.

[City of Surrey Community Food Resource Map](#)

[City of Powell River's Local Food Map](#)

[Cowichan Region Cow-Op Marketplace](#)

[Bulkley-Nechako District Connecting Consumers & Producers](#)

[Central Kootenay Farm & Food Directory](#)

[The Vancouver Island Farms & Food Map](#) (includes Salt Spring, Gabriola, Denman, and Hornby Islands)

Please note that this is not a comprehensive list, so if your region is not included, try searching to see what resources you can find in your area. With a wealth of B.C. food producers and processors in the province, we hope you and your students enjoy building a picture of your local food community.

Searching tips: "Farm & Food Directory", "Community Food Resource Maps", "Local Food Maps"