

Young Agrarians hosting two-day farmer mixer

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Young agrarians is inviting farmers and aspiring producers to attend a two-day mixer focused on education, networking and collaboration later this month in Penticton.

The event, organized in an unconference-style format, is designed to connect new and young farmers from across British Columbia with farm resources, industry knowledge and peers in the Young Agrarians network.

The program will include educational workshops, panel discussions and facilitated networking sessions. Topics scheduled to be explored throughout the weekend include sustainable business management, ecological and regenerative production practices, farmer health and wraparound supports, agricultural policy, and Indigenous food sovereignty.

Organizers say the mixer aims to foster collaboration and strengthen relationships within the farming community. Participants are encouraged to come prepared to share resources or opportunities -- such as employment, land access or specialized skills -- and to identify areas where they are seeking support, including tools, crop planning models or mentorship.

The theme of this year's event is "Resilience in Relationships," highlighting the role of community connections in supporting farmers and navigating change within the agricultural sector.

The mixer will take place Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, March 1, at the Okanagan College campus in Penticton, located at 583 Duncan Ave. W.

Tickets are offered on a sliding scale from \$40 to \$120. Free tickets are available for individuals who face systemic economic barriers, including members of racialized communities. Organizers state that no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

More information and registration details are available at youngagrarians.org/events/bc-mixer-2026/