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Local Food Matters highlights upcoming soil workshops



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Local Food Matters wants to give a heads-up to farmers in Golden and Area A that there are some excellent programs happening right now designed to help growers strengthen their operations, share knowledge, and build community.

A series of workshops and discussions is underway throughout January and into February, and you won't want to miss them.

These events are hosted by Kootenay & Boundary Farm Advisors and Young Agrarians, who specialize in practical, farmer-focused programming for both newcomers and seasoned producers. From marketing support and business planning to soil health and forage management, there's something valuable in the lineup for every type of farm.

Soil-Building Series for 2026

A highlight of this winter's calendar is the Kootenay Soil Building Network's Winter Zoom Discussion Series. These are free, live Zoom sessions that bring local farmers together to trade real-world experience and dig into soil-building practices that matter on the ground. Topics are focused on both forage crops and market gardens, with sessions scheduled most Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Pacific Time.

Here's what's on the slate:

- January 14 & 21 — forage-focused talks including nitrogen management and fertilizer efficiency.
- January 28, February 4 & 11 — market garden discussions, including case studies on compost vs fertigation and a panel on soil building practices.

These aren't lectures, they're conversations. Farmers are encouraged to bring their questions and share what's working (and what's not) out in the fields.

More information:

- Upcoming event details at the Kootenay & Boundary Farm Advisors events page — <https://kbfa.ca/category/events>
- Programming and resources from Young Agrarians — <https://youngagrarians.org/>
- Local Food Matters website www.localfoodmattersgolden.com

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