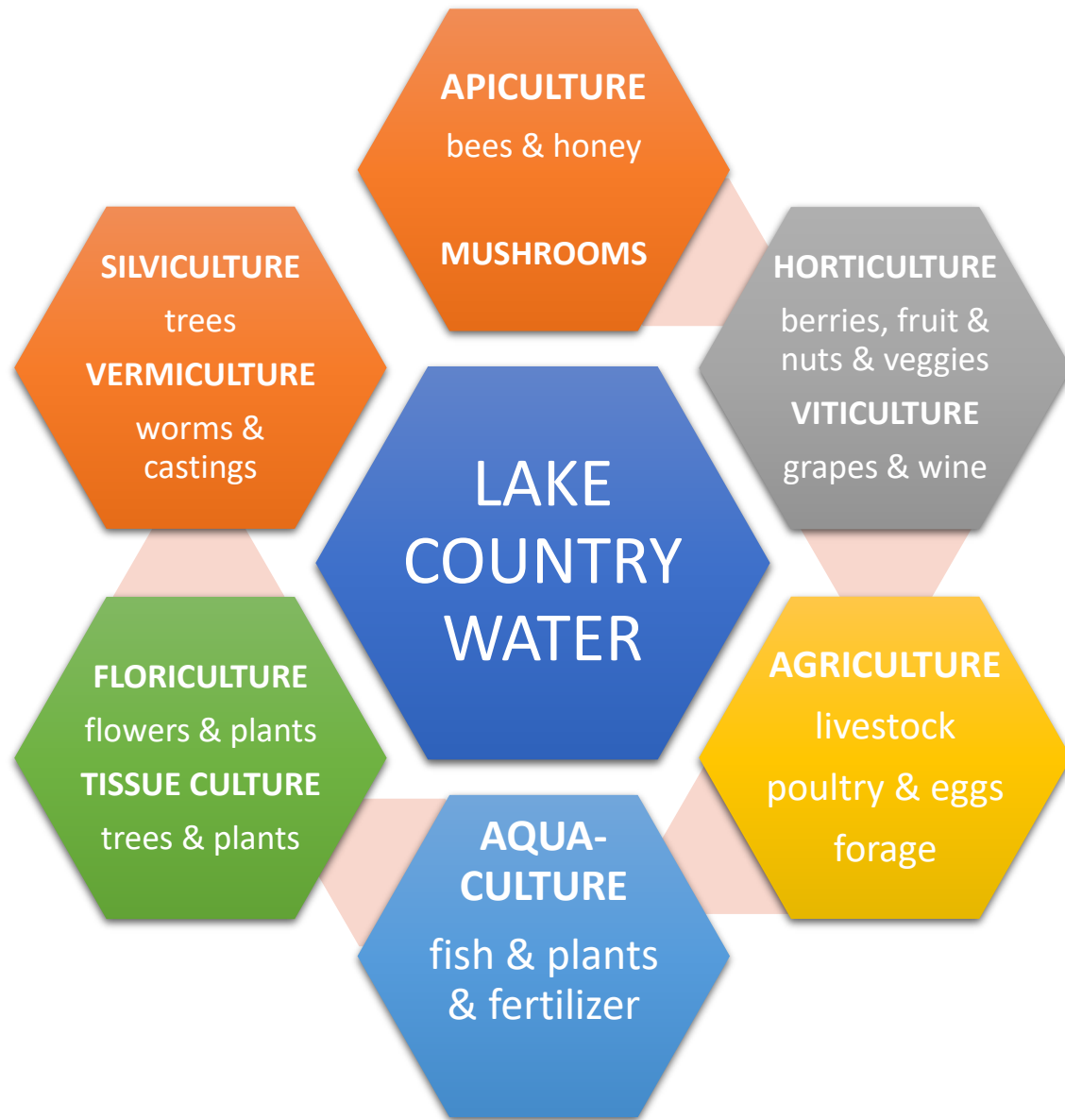


Lake Country Farmer's Institute
Incorporated April 5, 2023



NEW LAKE COUNTRY FARMER'S INSTITUTE MEMBERS WELCOME!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

**IF YOU FARM AND/OR SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE FARMING IN LAKE COUNTRY,
PLEASE JOIN THE LAKE COUNTRY FARMER'S INSTITUTE.**

**Email: LCFARMIN2023@GMAIL.COM - please provide your Name, Email Address,
Phone Number, Mailing Address, Acres Farmed & What You Farm. Thank-you!**

Did you know?

- ✚ Food Security means that nutritious food is available, every day, and that you can afford it.
- ✚ Agriculture is an Industry in Canada - successful industrial agriculture operations are sustainable agriculture operations
- ✚ Beneficial Management Practices for food production protect and/or enhance the soil, water and environment.
- ✚ Monoculture means growing a single crop in an area - a row of carrots in your garden is monoculture! Orchards and vineyards grow different types of fruits and grapes on their trees and vines - they also grow plants between their trees and vines - forage fields are combos of grasses and legumes -- this is polyculture!
- ✚ BC's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) is 50 years old!
- ✚ The ALR and DLC regulations and bylaws govern what you can do on ~43% of DLC land.
- ✚ DLC has designated 5402 hectares (13,348 acres) for all agricultural land uses.
- ✚ DLC's Water Master Plan says that the potential for irrigated agriculture land in Lake Country is 1,269 hectares (3,135 acres) -- this is ~25% of the designated ag land - **75% of the designated ag land is NOT irrigated**
- ✚ Farms in Lake Country employ hundreds of local, Canadian and international workers year-round - workers plant, prune, grow, harvest and package crops and raise livestock.
- ✚ Farms in Lake Country use local businesses for services (trucking, crop consultants) and supplies (printing, packaging, fuel, hardware, groceries).
- ✚ Farms in Lake Country draw tourists - in 2016 the hospitality services accounted for 6.9% of the labour market.
- ✚ Farmers use the right amount of water at the right time to produce healthy crops and animals to reduce diseases, waste, and irrigation system wear and tear.
- ✚ Farmers use weather and needs of their crops and animals to decide when to water.
- ✚ Water availability is governed by the DLC.
- ✚ Farms can be incorporated and still be family farms!
- ✚ Farm land may not be owned by farmers -- many farms rent land in Lake Country.