Growing Farmers
• Many new entrants lack start-up capital
• Cash-flow is tough in the early years
• Many need help with knowing the numbers
• Increasing interest rates put new entrants with high debt burdens at risk

• Land is prohibitively expensive for many new entrants
• Only 55% of ALR is farmed
• Transitioning to more intensive forms of agricultural require land improvements
• Only 6.7% of BC farms have succession plans

• Diverse learning needs among new entrants
• New entrants require farmer-to-farmer knowledge networks and peer groups
Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP)

2018 - 2023 funding agreement
Business Advisory Services

- Free 1-1 farm financial assessment and specialized business planning

BC Farm Business Speaker Funding
LAND

- Deliver 5 Land Access workshops
- Support YA Lower Mainland Land Matching Pilot
- Develop business case for province-wide land access model
- Identify the barriers and incentives to leasing land
- Identify underutilized land in BC
KNOWLEDGE

- 25 workshops held around province, geared at new entrants
- Piloting a Skills Development program
- Partnering with other organizations through Strategic Outreach Initiative
- Production Guides
- AgriService BC
- Webinar series
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