



## FARM & GARDEN VISITS (school visits for K - 7)

Most of all the food we eat will have started life on a farm, or came from a garden. In the Yukon, we have a variety of farms that provide locally grown and harvested foods, for example livestock farms, poultry farms, game farms, fish farms, crop farms, market gardens, apiaries.

Yukon farms and gardens are in relatively close proximity to communities, particularly in the Whitehorse region. With increasing interest in growing foods, community greenhouses and gardens are taking root in communities outside the Whitehorse region.

Farming and gardening in the Yukon has challenges that require creative and scientific thinking, for yields to extend into the community. Witnessing the resourcefulness and seeing harvested results is an experience that makes for living science,

...supporting growing in the Yukon, and widening the pathway of healthy living.

For a listing and contact information, of Gardens and Farms in your community:

Yukon Farm Products & Services 2008

[www.farmproducts.yukonfood.com](http://www.farmproducts.yukonfood.com)

And, check in your community for unlisted and enthusiastic practitioners.

### Resources:

There are many community gardens sprouting up in Yukon communities; as well there are many community gardens sprouting up in neighbourhoods around Whitehorse. These great opportunities to bring science alive in your classroom are often just walking distance away.

## YUKON FARM VISITS

The following listed farms responded to a survey (Spring 2009). The survey was an inquiry into school-farm visits that was sent to farms listed on the Yukon Agriculture Assn member list. The intentions of this list are:

- to encourage Yukon students experience living science,
- to encourage teachers incorporate farm visits into curriculum theme development,
- to hopefully develop a "living" list, that will eventually posted annually on a website.

### **Grizzly Valley Farms (livestock, poultry & vegetables)**

[grizzlyvalleyfarms@hotmail.com](mailto:grizzlyvalleyfarms@hotmail.com)

393 - 3200

GRADE: 7

TIME of YEAR: September, May or June

LENGTH of VISIT: 1 - 2 hours (1/2 day)

DAY of WEEK: Monday, & Friday

Class Preparation: none described

Travel: bus access & turn around

Cost: None

### **Lendrum Ross Farm (Goats, Chickens and Vegetables, Crops, Greenhouse)**

[lendrumross@northwestel.net](mailto:lendrumross@northwestel.net)

633 - 4201

GRADE: K - 4

TIME of YEAR: April - June

DAY of WEEK: Monday, Tuesday & Friday

LENGTH of VISIT: 1 - 2 hours (1/2 day)

Student activities include: Shredding carrots for baby goats, and feeding baby goats.

Class Preparation: reading and learning about bees

Travel: bus access & turn around

Cost: None

Other: The farm is located on Lake Laberge, allowing for picnics on the beach.

**M'Clintock Valley Farm (Poultry, Greenhouse & Composting)**

[jjj@northwestel.net](mailto:jjj@northwestel.net)

**660 - 5128**

GRADE: 7

TIME of YEAR: September or June

DAY of WEEK: Monday, Tuesday or Friday

LENGTH of VISIT: 1 - 2 hours (1/2 day)

Student activities include: A great opportunity to follow up on science theme development.

Class Preparation: information and expectation provided closer to visitation time

Travel: bus access & turn around

Cost: None

**Sourdough Sodbusters (Sod farming)**

[info@sourdoughsodbusters.com](mailto:info@sourdoughsodbusters.com)

**633 - 5218**

GRADE: K to 7

TIME of YEAR: September or June

DAY of WEEK: Monday to Friday

LENGTH of VISIT: 1 - 2 hours (1/2 day)

Student activities include: explore and see the science of sod; explore and experience types of jobs.

Class Preparation: none

Travel: bus access & turn around

Cost: None

**Wildthings Harvest (Apairy & Arctic Char)**

[yukonwildthings@yahoo.com](mailto:yukonwildthings@yahoo.com)

456 - 2477

GRADE: 3

TIME of YEAR: A Sunny warm day in May or June

LENGTH of VISIT: 1 - 2 hours (1/2 day)

Student activities include: touching a honey comb, honey tasting and learning about bee farming. An excellent follow-up to unit about Honey-bees

Class Preparation: reading and learning about bees

Travel: bus access & turn around

Cost: Donations accepted.

Other: Wildthings also specializes in Arctic Char. Knowledge can be shared with students

**Yukon Agriculture Branch Research Farm**

[Brad.barton@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Brad.barton@gov.yk.ca)

667 - 3417

GRADE: K to 7

TIME of YEAR: September, mid - May to June

DAY of WEEK: Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday (maybe: Monday and Friday)

LENGTH of VISIT: 1 - 2 hours (1/2 day)

Student activities: " We would like to encourage classrooms to come to the research farm. There is an opportunity to plant crops in the spring & return next school year to harvest their crop. We can designate a section of our garden for students which we can manage (i.e. water, weed) during the season"

Class Preparation: none

Travel: bus access & turn around

Cost: None