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2023 Membership Year – January 1 to December 31, 2023

The Comox Valley Farmers (CVFI) Institute welcomes anyone and everyone with an interest or passion for farming and agriculture! We want to see our members succeed in the business of farming and agriculture and we want to see agriculture continue to be a valued and important contributor to the social, economic and environmental fabric of the Comox Valley's long-term prosperity.

It is important to us that the CVFI is producer/farmer led and driven and this is entrenched in our constitution. As such, we have two categories of membership: Full Voting Members (with farm status) and Associate Non-Voting Members (without farm status). There are many ways to be engaged and involved no matter what type of member you are and we welcome everyone.

We meet in person on the third Tuesday every month at 7pm at the Dove Creek Hall. We do not meet in December, May, June, July or August.

The 2023 Membership Fee is 50\$. In a voting situation, only full members who have registered will be able to vote. Please note that if you apply for membership as a family, each family gets one vote; NOT each member of the family. We traditionally hold our annual general meeting and elections in March.

There are three ways you can pay your membership fee:

- by cash or cheque in person by attending a meeting;
- by e-transfer to: "banking.cvfi@gmail.com" (please use password "CVFI2023");
- by cheque; mail to: P.O. Box 3493, Courtenay, B.C., V9N6Z8

We are only as successful and as strong as our membership! Members are encouraged to provide us feedback on what you think we should be focusing on and become involved in our activities.

Visit our web page for more information or join our facebook page or group to be part of the conversation!

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Comox Valley Farmers Institute

2023 Membership Application: January 1 to December 31, 2023

This membership is a: Renewal New Application

Family (Last) Name: _____

Farm Name (if any): _____

Names of all participating family members?

Do you have current Farm Status? Yes No

What type of membership are you applying for? (**If you are applying for membership as a family, each family gets one vote, not each member of the family.*)

Full/voting (**A full voting member must have farm status*)

Associate/non-voting

Neither, I have been granted *honorary/non-voting* or *Lifetime/voting* membership (please circle which one)

Full Mailing Address: _____

Town/ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Applicable Phone #'s: H: _____ Cell: _____ Other: _____

Email is the CVFI's primary form of correspondence.

Yes, I would like to receive emails.

No. I do not want to receive emails.

Primary Main Contact Email:

Secondary email addresses? (Any other people as part of your family membership that should receive emails?)

Would you like to be listed on our website as one of our member farms?

<https://cvfarmersinstitute.com/links-to-member-farms-and-their-products/>

Yes, I would like to be added to the website.

No, I would NOT like to be added to the website.

Please remove me from the website

If Yes, please mark the information you would like listed on the website.

- Farm / Family Name (s) _____
- Phone # _____
- Website. Please provide link: _____
- Facebook. Please provide link: _____
- What do you sell? Please list: _____
- A Picture (To be provided by email to: cvfinstitute@gmail.com separately)
- Anything else? _____

The following questions are to help us better know and understand our membership and helps us to plan accordingly.

What do you farm predominantly? Please check all that apply and feel free to specify. ("Other" category could be

- Livestock (Beef/Dairy Cattle)
- Livestock (Swine)
- Livestock (Goats, Sheep) _____
- Poultry _____
- Forage and Fodder _____
- Field and/or Greenhouse Crops (Fruit & Vegetables) _____
- Fruit and or Nut Trees _____
- Nursery Products _____
- Vineyard or Distillery _____
- Other (horses, apiaries, aquaculture, sod etc.) etc... _____
- I do not own a farm, but I work in agriculture/farming, have linkages to agriculture/farming and/or am interested in the CFVI for other reasons. _____

What do you produce for sale / Do you sell anything? _____

How long have you been farming or working on a farm for?

- Just started this year
- Less than 5 years
- Between 5 and 10 years
- Between 10 and 20 years
- More than 20 years
- Not Applicable

How much total area did you farm this past year (2022) considering both owned and leased land?

- Less than 5 acres
- 5 to 10 acres
- 10 to 20 acres
- 20 to 50 acres
- 50 to 100 acres
- 100 to 200 acres
- More than 200 acres

What is the value of the CVFI to you as an organization and why do you join? **Please tick off your TOP THREE reasons.**

- To obtain local agricultural farm news & information
 - To meet, network, socialize and support fellow farmers
 - For farmer backed support, representation and advocacy that can voice the realities of farming when and where needed
 - Linkages to government and keeping government accountable
 - For bulk buying opportunities (lime, fertilizer etc..)
 - To use equipment offered by the CVFI equipment Co-op
 - CVFI community activities and social events (eg: CVEX, BBQs, Harvest Dinner, Auction, etc..)
 - Extension and Learning opportunities #1- Practical hand-on field days, tours, demonstrations
 - Extension and Learning opportunities #2 - Monthly meetings with speakers
 - Other _____
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Comox Valley Farmer's Institute Membership Fees are: \$50.00

I will be paying by:

- Cash
- Cheque
- E-Transfer (email to: **banking.cvfi@gmail.com**; use password: "CVFI2023")

Members Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

THANKYOU! Please feel free to detail any comments/questions /ideas below. Questions to get you thinking might include:

- What do you want to hear about, learn about, talk about, see & do?
- What interests you on your farms?
- What do you need?
- What are your concerns?
- What kind of speakers/experts should we be bringing in?
- What demos/tours/field days should we be doing?
- What should we be focusing on as a Farmers Institute?
- What should we be working towards?
- What directions should we be taking?