

British Columbia Herdshare Association



Herdshare Community Survey

A movement is underway: Farmers and consumers in B.C. are launching a non-profit association to represent and serve the herdshare community.

In preparation for the launch, we need to find out what the community wants. We need to learn what you – agisters and shareholders – would like to see in this new organization.

If you are a herdshare agister, shareholder, or supporter in B.C., please take a few minutes and fill out this survey and mail it in to:

BCHA, Box 24077 - 4420 West Saanich Rd., Victoria, B.C. V8Z 7E7

1. What is your interest in herdshares and/or raw milk? (Please check all that apply)

- I am a herdshare farmer / agister
- I am a shareholder in a herdshare
- I drink raw milk but do not belong to a herdshare
- I have been involved in a herdshare in the past, but am not so right now.
- I am looking for a herdshare to join
- I support food freedom and the right to choose to drink raw milk
- Other _____

2. Where do you currently live?

- Greater Vancouver
- Fraser Valley
- Vancouver Island or the Gulf Islands
- Powell River / Sunshine Coast
- Thompson / Okanagan
- Other Southern B.C. location
- Prince George / Cariboo / Chilcotin / Peace River
- Skeena / North Coast / Stikine / Haida Gwaii
- Other Northern B.C. location

3. What type of dairy animals are owned by your herdshare?

- Cows Goats Sheep Not Applicable
 Other _____

4. Does your herdshare produce meat for shareholders as well? Yes No

5. Should BCHA provide the following services?

Service	Yes	No	No Opinion
Provide networking opportunities for agisters and shareholders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide information about "Raw Milk Best Practices"?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help potential shareholders in finding a herdshare to join?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilitate agister-to-agister mentoring opportunities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be a "face" between legislators/regulators and the herdshare community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advocate for changes to raw milk laws in B.C.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide educational opportunities such as classes, seminars, and guest-speakers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide information and resources for shareholders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide information and resources for agisters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide information and resources for the general public?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conduct research?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. What other activities or services should BCHA offer or engage in?

7. What other activities or services should BCHA NOT offer or engage in?

8. Other comments and suggestions you might have:

Thank you for responding to this survey! Together with information that other agisters, shareholders, and supporters provide, the information you provided will be used in creating the goals and vision of the new organization.

Your confidentiality is assured – your name, address, or other identifying information will not be recorded.

We believe in being accountable to you and in being transparent in what we do. If you would like to see a copy of the summary of responses, so you can read how your own anonymous response contributed to the work and read what other community members also wanted to see BCHA be and do please email bcherdshare@gmail.com and we can email you a copy of the final summary, or provide your mailing address below and we can mail you a hard-copy version.