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A Showcase of Yukon Agriculture Research

WHITEHORSE – Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Brad Cathers invites Yukoners to join him and staff from the Agriculture branch to learn about current research being conducted at the government's research farm.

"The research being done by the Agriculture branch enhances our understanding and assists in the development of agriculture north of 60°," said Cathers. "I invite producers and anyone interested in Yukon food production to come out and learn more about our current projects."

Staff from the Agriculture branch will barbecue Yukon grown, inspected and abattoir-processed bison burgers. Agriculture branch staff will also give a tour of the agriculture research projects at 1 p.m. Some of the new farm equipment purchased by the Yukon Agriculture Association will be on site.

This year's projects include the evaluation of frost-seeded wheat, field pea varieties and brome grass fertilization. Research on oilseed production, forage crop yields, and raspberry orchard economics continues from past years.

The event takes place on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Agriculture branch's research farm is located at the Gunnar Nilsson and Mickey Lammers Research Forest at the corner of the North Klondike Highway and Takhini Hot Springs Road, just north of Whitehorse.

For more information about this year's demonstration day and barbecue call the Agriculture branch at 867-667-5838, toll-free at 1-800-661-0408 ext. 5838. To learn more about agriculture research being conducted in Yukon please visit www.agriculture.gov.yk.ca.

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