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Dear Northern Grower,

We would like to invite growers from regional districts Bulkley-Nechako and Kitimat-Stikine to become a member of Groundbreakers Collective.

Groundbreakers is both a charitable organization and a social enterprise cooperative. On the charitable side of things, the group provides educational programs and hands-on workshops on food preservation as a means to make the most of local food all year round. The social enterprise (cooperative) coordinates a Harvest Box Program, helping connect food producers and consumers, with the aim of creating a sustainable local food network and resilient economy.

Our Harvest Box Program runs from September to May each year. We supply over 80 families with 100% local produce and value added items. We use a CSA (community supported agriculture) model such that customers pre-order and pre-pay for their box, as well as help on local farms. As a CSA there is a shared risk and mutual support between customers, producers, and Groundbreakers. A CSA directly links supply and demand for efficient farming as well. To help with this, our Harvest Box coordinator contracts producers in the spring to grow specific amounts of specific product.

At this time we are accepting producer intake forms from anyone interested in becoming a producer for the 2014/2015 season.

More information about what it is to be a Groundbreakers producer can be found on our website at [www.groundbreakerscollective.ca](http://www.groundbreakerscollective.ca) under the "What's New" tab or by emailing our Coordinator Dawn at [info@groundbreakerscollective.ca](mailto:info@groundbreakerscollective.ca) or Board Member Mark at [markfisher@bulkley.net](mailto:markfisher@bulkley.net).

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or to find out more information on how you may become involved.

Sincerely,

Groundbreakers Collective.