



# BC ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS' MARKETS

## Ode To a Farmer Poetry Contest 2016

We invite you to submit your best farm-themed poem to the fourth annual Ode To a Farmer poetry contest as part of Farmers Appreciation Week, presented by the BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM). Share your creativity and passion for BC farmers and agriculture!

### One winner in each of BC's six regions

To celebrate BC's diversity of agriculture, we will select one winner in each region of BC: Cariboo Chilcotin Coast, Kootenay Rockies, Northern British Columbia, Thompson Okanagan, Vancouver, Coast & Mountains, and Vancouver Island. For information about regional boundaries please visit [HelloBC](#).

### Rewards

- Grand prize winner - \$150 gift certificate to the BCAFM member market of their choice
- Regional winners - \$50 gift certificate to the BCAFM member market of their choice
- Publicity through social and print media

### Submit Your Poem

Submissions (by online, email, and mail) must be received by **midnight, Sunday, September 18, 2016**.

Submit online:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/fawpoetry2016/>

Submit by email:

[info@bcfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@bcfarmersmarket.org)

Submit by mail:

ATTN: Poetry Contest

BC Association of Farmers' Markets

203-2642 Main St. Vancouver, BC. V5T 3E6.

### Contest criteria:

- Relevance to the theme (25%)
- Judge's impression (25%)
- Poetic structure (20%)
- Spelling & grammar (15%)
- Originality (15%)

### Rules & Regulations

1. The contest is open to all British Columbia residents.
2. Entries will be accepted for previously unpublished work.
3. All styles of poetry will be accepted: 500 word limit.
4. Emailed entries must be sent as a PDF attachment and include your **name, BC mailing address, phone number and email address**.
5. Mailed entries must be typed and include your **name, BC mailing address, phone number and email address**.
6. Winners will be selected by a panel of publishing and writing professionals.
7. **Rights:** By entering the contest you are giving the *BC Association of Farmers' Markets* first Canadian rights for publication, AND the option to collect all the years' poems into a multi-year compilation at some point. You are free to market your poem(s) in other places, but you should inform them if it has appeared in a *BC Association of Farmers' Markets* publication.