



EXCESS WATER

Too much water floods lands and reduces productivity. Swales and ponding lower production, but help to infiltrate water and reduce flooding downstream.

WILDLIFE HABITAT Wildlife can be pests as well as benefits. Birds and bears can damage a field crop, but increase the aesthetic appeal of a landscape. DAIRY FARMS IN THE FRASER VALLEY OF BC

ECOSYSTEM GOODS & SERVICES ON

In addition to food, farmlands produce a range of 'ecosystem services' that benefit people and play a key role in community health.

More 'natural' areas are especially good at producing non-market services. These include everything from rainwater infiltration and soil development to recreation and visual appeal. Farmers bear the cost of managing natural areas without recognition or incentive to maintain, restore and invest in them.

This pamphlet examines land use on Holberg Farm and the ecosystem services it provides.





