

2026 MMF ANNUAL REPORT



RECOGNIZING OUR PLACE IN HISTORY



Energy, Infrastructure, and Resource Management
Agriculture Portfolio

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The MMF's Agriculture Portfolio is housed within the Energy, Infrastructure, and Resource Management Department.

Since its revitalization in 2020, the Agriculture Portfolio has delivered programming to address Red River Métis priorities in agriculture and food.

This work is centralized around Citizen-identified priorities of community and climate resilience, food security, and educational programming.



Red River Métis On-Farm Climate Action Program (OFCAF)

The OFCAF program provides Red River Métis agricultural producers with up to \$100,000 in funding to adopt climate conscious farm practices.

In the 2025-26 year, the MMF's OFCAF program:

- Awarded over \$2.1million in funds
- Supported 52 agricultural producers across the National Homeland – including 2 beyond borders!
- Improved over 8,900ac of Red River Métis-owned or -rented agricultural land



Bison Herd

The MMF owns a small herd of bison, cared for by Red River Métis-owned Iron Head Bison Ranch in Southeast Region.

In late 2025, ten of the MMF's animals were sent for slaughter and processing.

Over 3,500 pounds of bison meat was distributed to Elders across the Regions.



Living Labs

The Living Labs project supports MMF-led on-farm research activities that address climate change and improve ecosystem health.

In October 2025, the MMF established two 5-acre pollinator strips on Red River Métis-owned agricultural land, seeded by a Red River Métis drone operator.

These pollinator strips will be monitored monthly throughout the growing season to assess pollinator, soil, and plant health.



Food Security Initiative

The Food Security Initiative seeks to address Red River Métis food insecurity with a network of greenhouses, community gardens, and edible forests across the National Homeland.

In the 2025 growing season, greenhouse locations were operational in the Interlake, Southwest, and Winnipeg Regions, with community gardens in Southeast and Winnipeg Regions.

In 2025, over 6,300 pounds of produce was harvested and distributed to Red River Métis Citizens.



Riel House Garden

In partnership with Parks Canada, the Agriculture Portfolio oversees care of the vegetable gardens at Riel House National Historic Site.

Heritage variety vegetables, fruits, and herbs are seeded, and traditional horticultural techniques such as three sisters companion planting are implemented.

In 2025, the Healing Garden, featuring a carved wooden bison bench crafted by Red River Métis artisan and a variety of fruit-bearing trees and shrubs, was completed.



At-Home Garden Project

The At-Home Garden Project brought small-scale food production into the homes of Red River Métis Citizens.

In 2025, the Agriculture Portfolio coordinated the construction of over 1,300 garden boxes across the Regions.

If you received a garden box, remember to tell us what you grew!
Email us at: foodsecurity@mmf.mb.ca

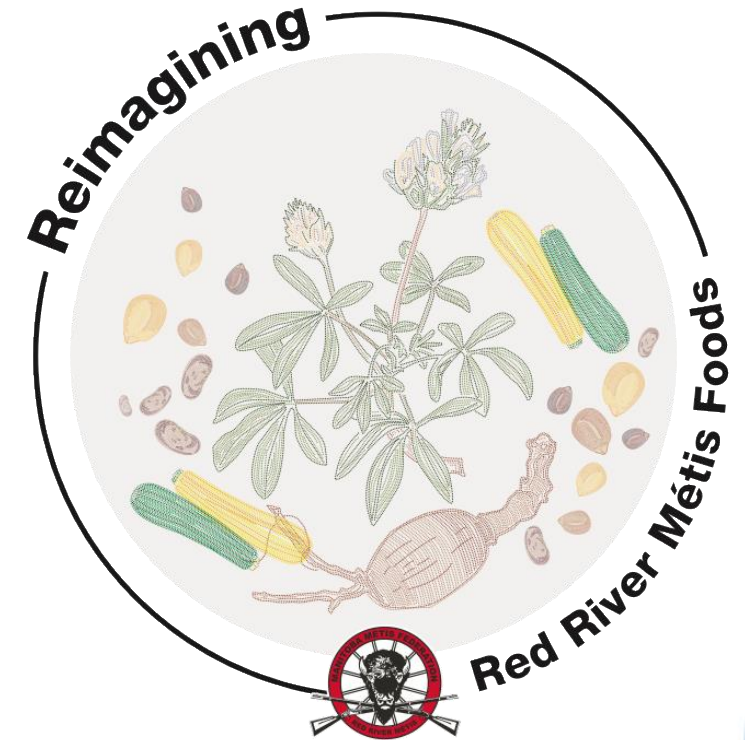


Protein Industries Canada

Through collaboration with Prairie Research Kitchen (RRC Polytech), the Agriculture Portfolio aims to engage Red River Métis Citizens in food innovation and recipe development.

This project will investigate how new flavours, nutritional benefits, or sustainable ingredients can be incorporated into traditional foods.

In the 2025-26 year, events were hosted in Winnipeg, The Pas, and Thompson Regions to discuss traditional foods, Red River Métis participation in the agri-food sector, and food preparation and preservation techniques.



Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Funding received through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership funded a variety of Agriculture Portfolio projects in the 2025-26 year, including:

- Installation of a shelterbelt at the Red River Métis Tree Nursery
- Seed sharing workshops, in collaboration with the Natural Resources Portfolio
- A canning workshop
- Online food safety training for Red River Métis Citizens



Red River Métis Farmers' Market Day

In partnership with Le Marché St. Norbert Farmers' Market and the St. Norbert Local, the Agriculture Portfolio hosted the third annual Red River Métis Farmers' Market Day on August 9, 2025.

A showcase of Red River Métis culture and entrepreneurial spirit, the event featured numerous Red River Métis vendors, live music, jigging demonstrations, and interactive bannock making and tasting workshops.



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