

ROLES OF INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

There is a network of agricultural industry associations which provide various forms of representation for the BC nursery industry. The following list progresses from the local grassroots level through to the national organizations.

LANDSCAPE AND NURSERY ONLY

BC Landscape & Nursery Association (BCLNA): The BCLNA has more than 600 members, representing three commodities: wholesale nursery, retail nursery/garden centre; and landscape professionals. It also includes as members the industry's educators, suppliers, consultants and affiliated government agencies.

The organization was formed in 1953 and is today a strong organization, providing a forum for companies with shared interests and concerns to work together on local, regional and provincial issues. Individual companies may contact the BCLNA for a listing of membership services and benefits.

Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA): Individual companies can join the CNLA only by becoming a member of a provincial nursery association, such as the BCLNA. The CNLA, which counts as members all the provincial associations, represents the nursery industry on all national issues. It also provides a wide range of membership benefits. Please contact the BCLNA for information.

PAN-HORTICULTURE

Canadian Horticulture Council: The nursery industry is represented in this national organization through the CNLA. Representing a cross-section of Canadian horticultural organizations, it includes in its membership individual provincial organizations as well as umbrella groups like CNLA. For more information on the Council, see their [website](#).

PAN-AGRICULTURE

BC Agriculture Council: The BCAC is the provincial "umbrella" organization for agriculture. Individual farm organizations (like the BCLNA) are members through their association. Its objective is to provide an efficient and effective voice for those issues which impact on all of BC agriculture. For more information on BCAC, review their [website](#).

Canadian Federation of Agriculture: This organization, like the CHC, includes both individual and umbrella groups from across Canada. It provides a voice for pan-Canadian agricultural issues.