

**Coombs Farmers' Institute**  
**Operational Budgets 2017 and 2018**

For 41 years, CFI has held an Annual Auction. All funds raised from this event are circulated back into agricultural projects and events in the community.

The two years' budget details outlined below, illustrate how we define our projects, in order to support local farmers, students and all community members interested in raising the profile and importance of local food production.

Many volunteers hours are donated annually to agricultural mentorships and on farm support as well as the hosting of our events.

**2019 Budget TBD**

We will be hosting our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Farm Auction on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Events will be similar to the prior two years noted below.

**2018 Budget**

Coombs Farmers' Institute 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm Auction netted \$4344.00.

- We received six scholarship applications from local students and granted two. Neither student has yet registered at a post secondary institution. We paid out the remaining \$1000 scholarship that was granted in 2017. We raised our Scholarship amount to \$1500, effective January 2018.
- We hosted free inter-active animal husbandry and food preservation demonstrations at the Coombs Fair.
- We organized, hosted and sponsored an expanded 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Apple Pressing Event at Coombs Fairgrounds. This second year's (free) event ran over two days and close to 18,000 pounds of fruit was pressed. Two local businesses (an apple tree nursery (\$100 honorarium) and a cidery/winery) were invited to attend, at no cost, to further assist fruit growers to expand and store their production.
- We sponsor the 4-H Livestock Auction every September by paying for the grounds rental (\$360) at the Coombs Fairground.

**2017 Budget**

Coombs Farmers' Institute 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm Auction netted \$4466.00.

- We received four scholarship applications from local students. We granted three scholarships, and paid out two, each one for \$1000.
- We donated \$300, plus volunteer hours, to the QBCEWS Root Bag project, an initiative that introduces young students to food growing
- We designed, sponsored (\$1950) and built a 550 square foot "Demonstration and Teaching Garden" at the Coombs Fairgrounds, on a plot of land donated by the Arrowsmith Agricultural Association.
- We organized, hosted and sponsored the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Apple Pressing at the Coombs Fairgrounds. Local apple growers attended this free event, bringing 8000 pounds of fruit for pressing by a local mobile press.
- We sponsor the 4-H Livestock Auction every September by paying the grounds rental (\$250) at the Coombs Fairgrounds.

We encourage local organizations to approach us for support in funding their projects, and donate many volunteer hours to our own and other organization's events.