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— Rickey Yada, Dean

RESEARCH STRENGTHS & FACILITIES

- Soil, Water & Sustainability Research: Laboratories and field sites offer state-of-the-art equipment for quantitative analysis of soil, water and air components and properties. Field sites range from the UBC Farm and horticultural buildings, to Totem Field with its diverse soil types and adaptive irrigation, to tower sites in the Lower Fraser Valley and on Vancouver Island. landfood.ubc.ca/swsg
- Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm: A living laboratory that contains agricultural, forest, and transitional landscape areas for interdisciplinary field research ubcfarm.ubc.ca
- UBC Dairy Education & Research Centre: Leaders in dairy cattle health and wellness research are actively engaged with the dairy industry in British Columbia dairycentre.landfood.ubc.ca
- Animal Welfare Program: Improves the lives of animals through research, education, and public outreach awp.landfood.ubc.ca
- Food Science: Modern analytical instrumentation and biohazard facilities for food safety and sensory evaluation; and pilot plant facilities for food formulation, evaluation and processing landfood.ubc.ca/fsg
- Wine Research Centre: Conducts research in viticulture and plant genomics. wine.landfood.ubc.ca

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Research-Based Programs
- Applied Animal Biology (MSc, PhD)
- Food Science (MSc, PhD)
- Human Nutrition (MSc, PhD)
- Integrated Studies in Land & Food Systems (MSc, PhD)
- Plant Science (MSc, PhD)
- Soil Science (MSc, PhD)

Course-Based Programs
- Food and Resource Economics (MFRE)
- Food Science (MFS)
- Land and Water Systems (MLWS)

LAND AND FOOD SYSTEM FACTS

- LFS encompasses several research centres and groups, including Soil, Plant and Animal Sciences; Food Science; Food and Resource Economics; Human Nutrition and Dietetics; and Integrated Studies in Land and Food Systems.
- LFS soil science researchers have received $1.8 million from the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Greenhouse Gas Program to study greenhouse gas emissions from high value agricultural production crops in British Columbia.
- Many of our faculty members have received prestigious UBC Killam Awards in recognition of their outstanding teaching and mentorship.
- LFS also offers three professional graduate degree programs: Master of Food Science, Master of Food and Resource Economics, and Master of Land and Water Systems.
- Our food processing researchers are advancing knowledge in several areas, including microwave-dehydration processes for plant protein isolates, and maintaining safety and quality in the dairy beverage industry.
- To support their research, our Animal Welfare Program received a $1 million Industrial Research Chair joint award from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and eight Canadian dairy industry organizations.

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ADMISSIONS

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