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## **Yukon's 2015 Farmers of the Year reinventing the mixed family farm**

WHITEHORSE—Yukon's 2015 Farmers of the Year are Kate Mechan and Bart Bounds, who run Elemental Farm on the banks of the Takhini River near Whitehorse.

They received the award at the annual North of 60° Agriculture banquet in Whitehorse on November 7.

"Kate Mechan and Bart Bounds are running a small operation that's making an impact on Yukoners' ability to buy healthy, organic market garden vegetables," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "They are running the type of operation that we are encouraging with our ongoing work on Yukon's local food strategy."

Mechan and Bounds are vocal supporters of the local agricultural industry, advocating for and demonstrating the use of sustainable and innovative farming practices while providing access to fresh, healthy foods for people of all incomes and backgrounds.

Mechan has also been an active contributor to the development of a local food strategy for Yukon.

"On behalf of Yukoners, I'd like to congratulate Kate, Bart and their young family," Lake Laberge MLA Brad Cathers added. "We wish them the best with their farming and applaud their work in the community."

Each year, Yukon's Agriculture Branch highlights a farm family, farmer, or farm advocate who has made an outstanding contribution to Yukon. Recipients are nominated by their peers for their commitment to, and passion for, local farming.

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