

Diversity, Resilience, and Innovation:

Exploring the
Foodscapes of
Canada's Three
Northern Territories





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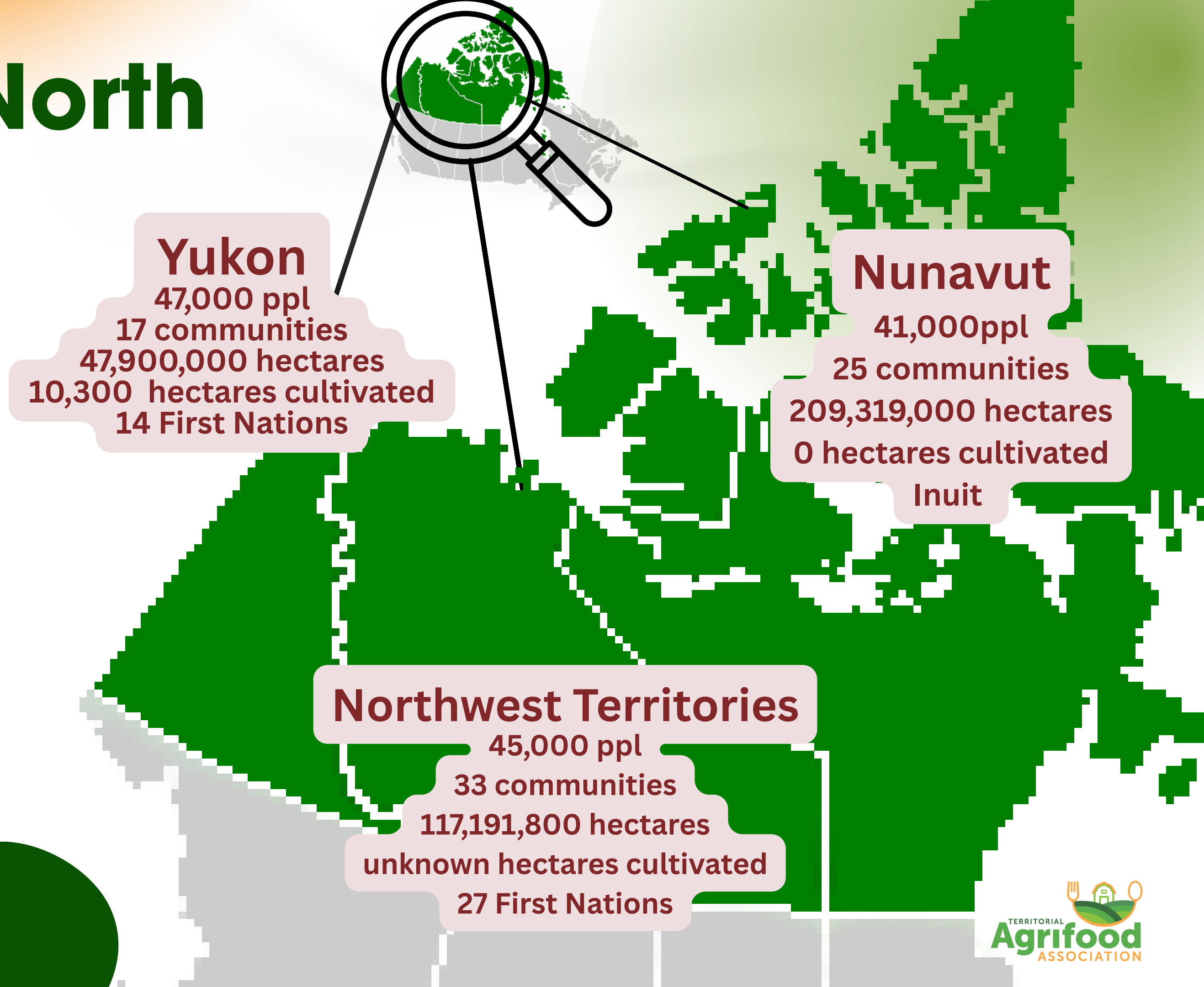
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Canada's North

food systems
profoundly
affected by
distance,
climate and
sparse
populations

Norway =38,500,000 hectares
1,000,000 hectares cultivated land



Understanding “foodscapes”

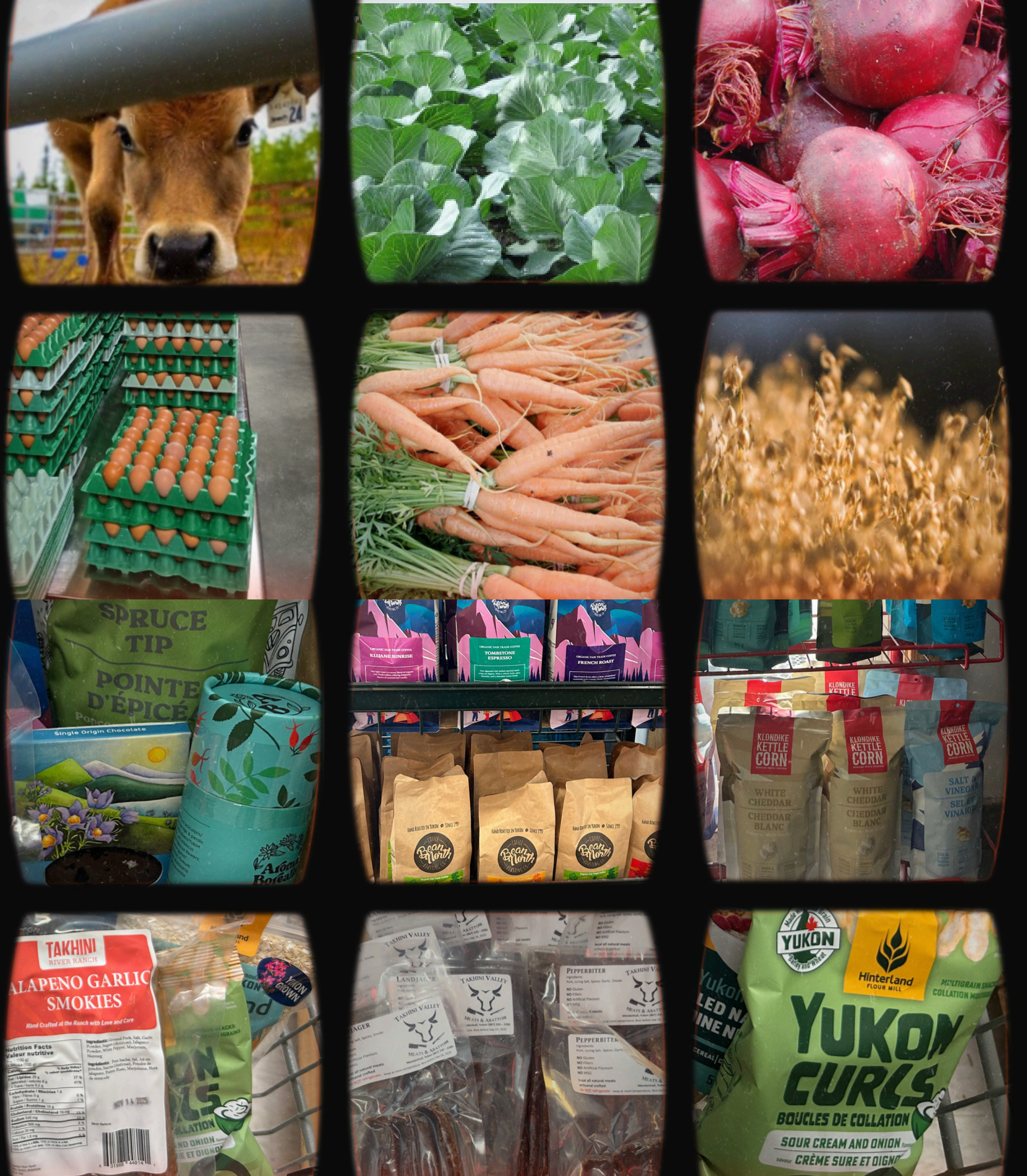
In Canada’s northern territories, foodscapes are shaped by a tapestry of Indigenous knowledge and practices, interest in local subsistence food production, and the challenges posed by a harsh climate.



Yukon

The foodscape of the Yukon:

- blend of tradition and modernity
- diverse agricultural practices amongst First Nations groups and Yukon farmers
- long supply routes, limited critical services, abundance of opportunities



The Northwest Territories (NWT)

The foodscape of the Northwest Territories (NWT)

- traditional Indigenous practices and values
- market and community gardens
- supply managed eggs
- very high input costs
- highly regulated (ex no commercial livestock)
- strength in value added and small scale food processing
- research and demonstration farm



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Northernmost Apple Trees in Old Hockey Arena

Nunavut

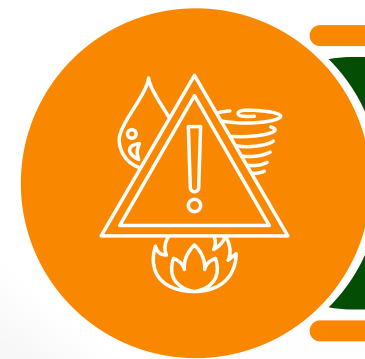
The foodscape of Nunavut:

- harsh Arctic environment
- traditional hunting, fishing, and foraging
- no land based agriculture
- highest rates of food insecurity in Canada

The foodscape of Nunavut reflects a blend of traditional knowledge and modern opportunities, emphasizing a strong connection to the land, community values, and the ongoing pursuit of food sovereignty.



What commonalities are found across the Canadian Territories



✓ Resilience to Natural
Disasters



✓ Adaptability to Climate
Change



✓ Community Level Local
Initiatives

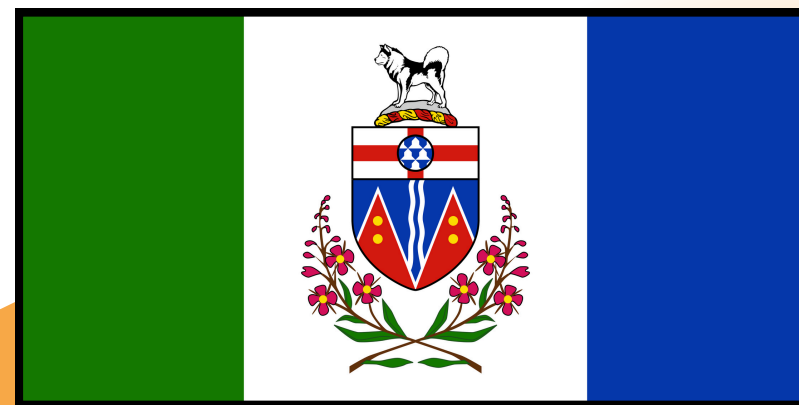
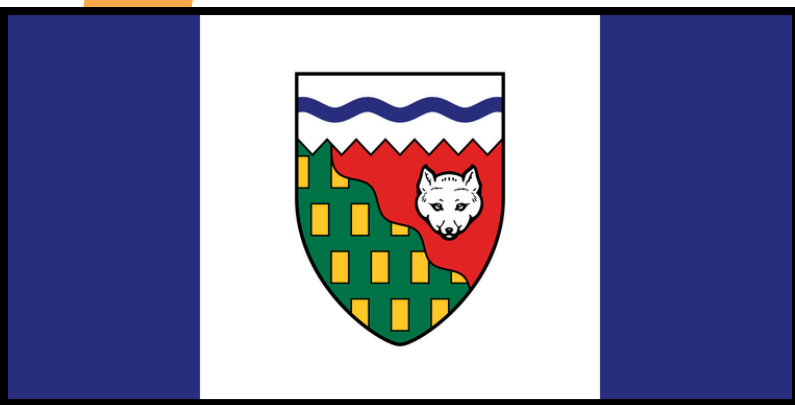
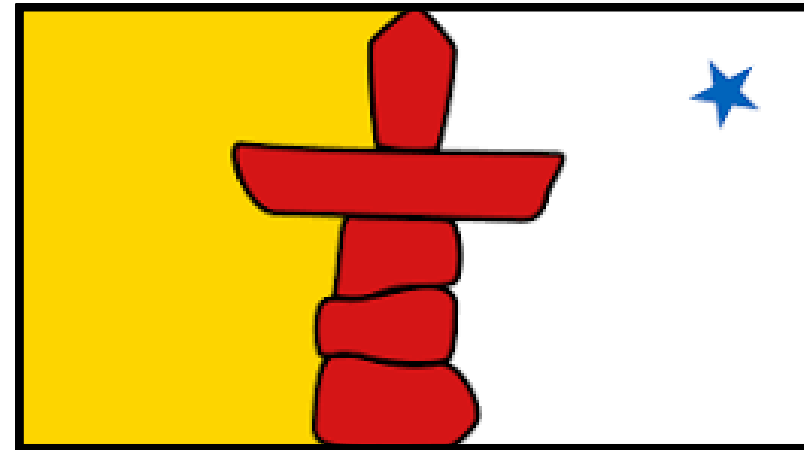


✓ Collaboration and
Partnerships



✓ Policy, Advocacy and
Representation

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Next steps in growing Canada's arctic agriculture circle

- remove trade barriers
- share best practises
- amplify each others strengths
- replicate don't duplicate

**Systems and models
that work for our North!**



*Thank
you!*

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