Archives Guide

UNITED FARMERS UFA CO-OP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What are archives?

The term 'archives' has two related meanings:

- a specific type of documentary source material giving evidence of past events (e.g. photographs, letters, business reports, manuscripts).
- a place where such material is stored, preserved, and used.

Archival materials are unique and one-of-a-kind. Archives have a responsibility for keeping their collections safe so they can continue to be used by present and future generations.

Our mandate

We acquire, preserve and make available the historical records and artifacts of the United Farmers of Alberta, showcasing the co-operative's contributions to agriculture and life in and around Alberta.

Our collections

We hold records relating to UFA from its origin in 1909 to the present day. As well as associated organizations such as the United Farm Women of Alberta, Jr. UFA, Farmers' Union of Alberta, Alberta Wheat Pool and others.

What's in the archives?

Textual documents

35 metres of textual records incl. meeting minutes, by-laws, correspondence, newsletters, reports, contracts and more.

Photographic materials

Over 7,000 photographs and slides of UFA leaders, employees, farm stores, agencies, annual conventions and much more.

Audiovisial materials

Numerous audio and video recordings incl. oral histories, UFA commercials and sales training film reels.

Contribute to the archives

01 We acquire items that help bring UFA's story to life. Your voice and experiences are an important part of that story. Share your connection to UFA by submitting a personal account or memory to the archives - helping us preserve UFA's history for generations to come.

02 We are always happy to have a conversation about donating to our collection - please get in touch to discuss donating orginal, physical records. While we truly appreciate your enthusiasm, we ask that you do not send or leave materials without first speaking with the archivist.

An **archivist** is a professional who acquires, preserves & provides access to historical records

Online database

We're working hard to digitize the historic records of UFA, this is an ongoing process. To view what's been digitized, visit our online database at **archives.ufa.com**

Contact

Interested in research assistance or a tour of the archives? Contact the archivist at **archives@ufa.com**