

December
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Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

2014 ELECTION POLICY
AND ELECTION PLAN

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Following VMC consultations with stakeholders, which included an e-survey and opportunities to provide written comments, the VMC reached a decision on December 9, 2013 to approve a draft of the VMC Election Policy for submission to the BC Farm Industry Review Board (FIRB) for its approval.

Once submitted to FIRB its initial response was to return the election policy to the VMC for consideration of FIRB's identified changes.

As required VMC members reviewed the revised version of its 2014 draft Election Policy and approved it. On doing so it was re-submitted to FIRB for its further review and approval.

On December 20 the VMC received FIRB's approval of the Election Policy.

The FIRB approved Election Policy will be relied upon for conducting the 2014 election to occur over the late January through to end of March period and the 2015 and 2016 elections.

Four Commission member positions expire March 31, 2014 and for

the purpose of filling those positions a call for nominations along with attendant information and forms will be issued to eligible voters on January 24, 2013. This will occur by way of regular mail.

The four positions and incumbents are:

Greenhouse Tomatoes – Districts I, II & III
M. Minerva

Greenhouse Peppers – District I, II & III
Jos Moerman

Storage Crops – District I
Cory Gerrard

Storage Crops – Districts II & III
Blair Lodder

As has been the case for the past few years Jack Wessel of the Council of Marketing Boards (COMB) will serve as the Independent Election Officer (IEO). All election information will be issued by the IEO. Also, the return of nomination forms or ballots, if warranted, are to be returned to the IEO.

The deadline for receiving nomination forms is February 26, 2014.

To view the Commission's draft 2014 Election Policy click [here](#).

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AgrilInvest Industry Advisory

The 2012 application deadline is fast approaching

The deadline (with penalty) to submit the 2012 AgriStability and AgrilInvest harmonized form is **December 31, 2013**.

September 30, 2013 was the deadline to submit the 2012 AgriStability and AgrilInvest harmonized form without penalty. If you missed the September 30, 2013 deadline, you may still submit your harmonized form until December 31, 2013. However, a late filing penalty will be applied.

- Your maximum matchable deposit for AgrilInvest will be reduced by 5% for each month (or part of a month) your form is received after September 30, 2013.

If you miss the December 31, 2013 deadline, you will be ineligible to participate in the AgrilInvest program for the 2012 program year.

If you haven't already submitted your 2012 harmonized form, you can download a form from the Forms section of the AgrilInvest program web site or request a form by calling Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada toll free at **1-866-367-8506**.

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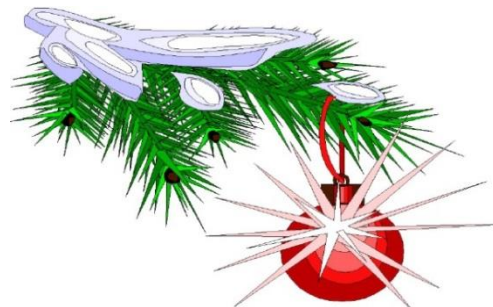
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*Commissioners and Staff wish
all Producers, Friends and
Colleagues in the Vegetable
Industry
the very best of the Holiday
Season and a prosperous and
healthy year in 2014!*



The holiday schedule for
the Commission office will be:
December 24 - closed at 3:00 PM
December 25 & 26 - closed all day
December 31 - closed at 3:00 PM
January 1, 2014 - closed all day