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# Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

## ANNUAL LICENCE FEES

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In October 2010 and in lieu of increasing producer levies the VMC adopted a policy of successively increasing licence fees over a three year period. The license fees displayed in the table below are the licence fees coming into effect February 1, 2013. They are the third and last of the planned increases. License fees are not expected to change in the near future.

Authority for this last round of producer, wholesale and processor annual license fees occurred during the January 31, 2013 regular VMC meeting when Amending Order Number 36 was approved.

The licence fee increases are in keeping with the announced license fees increases set out in the November 2010 newsletter.

Amending Order Number 36 can be viewed by visiting the Commission web site [www.bcveg.com]. Click on the **Orders Amended and General** Button and navigate to **Amended Orders**.

#### 2013 ANNUAL LICENCE FEES

LICENCE	CLASS 1 LICENCE FEE
Producer	\$250
Wholesaler	\$1,000
Processor	\$1,000

Earlier editions of the Commission newsletter may be viewed by visiting the Commission web site (www.bcveg.com). Navigate to **News & Notices** and click on **News – Commission Reports**. The November 2010 newsletter can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Renewal of licenses issued to wholesale and processor licensees are to be renewed before their March 1 expiry. Renewal of annual Producer Licenses for storage crop producers will occur in April, which is one month prior to their May 14 expiry. Greenhouse producer licenses expire November 1.

### BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION ELECTION

Information, including a call for nominations for Commission members, was recently circulated to producers by regular post.

The 2013 VMC Election Policy can be viewed by visiting the Commission's web site [www.bcveg.com].

Commercial producers interested in serving as a Commission member for one of the positions is to submit a completed nomination form to the Independent Election Officer by February 22, 2013.

#### COMMISSION 2013 ELECTION

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**DELIVERY ALLOCATION  
TRANSFER DEADLINE****AMENDING ORDER  
NUMBER 36****STORAGE CROP  
DELIVERY ALLOCATION  
TRANSFER REQUEST  
DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting an application for the transfer of Delivery Allocation having effect the coming crop year is March 15, 2013. Approved transfers are confirmed in writing.

The form to be used for making application may be obtained by visiting the Commission web site [[www.bcveg.com](http://www.bcveg.com)]. Click on the Forms button and navigate to Storage Crop Delivery Allocation Transfer.

Also, contact the Commission office to make arrangements for a form to be sent to you.

**AMENDING ORDER  
NUMBER 36**

In addition to approving the licence increases during the January 31, 2013 regular meeting, the VMC approved other amendments to the General Order.

The amendments included changes to definitions set out in Part I – Introduction of the General Order and Section 12 of Part VII – Agency Responsibilities - of the General Order.

Those definitions changed are: greenhouse vegetable crops; processing crops, Processor, and storage crops.

**NEW POTATO DELIVERY  
ALLOCATION  
APPROVED****NEW POTATO DELIVERY ALLOCATION APPROVED**

On receiving a recommendation from the Storage Crop Advisory Group during its January 31 regular meeting the Commission approved in-principle the recommendation to establish a fifth Delivery Allocation division termed *Potatoes Fresh - White Potatoes* of all varieties, excluding Kennebec potatoes.

When the advisory group met on January 22 it addressed the question of having a Delivery Allocation division for red, yellow and other colour potatoes and another division for white potatoes, including Warba, but excluding Kennebec potatoes.

The advisory group identified four methods for removing white potatoes from the Fresh Potatoes all Others Delivery Allocation division. Assessment of the four methods is underway and VMC staff will present outcomes to the next meeting of the advisory group. This meeting is expected to occur in mid-February and a recommendation is to be submitted to the Commission on how the revision to the *Fresh Potatoes all Others* delivery allocation division is to occur.

On receiving the advisory group recommendation about what method to use for revising the present day *Fresh Potatoes all Others* delivery allocation division the VMC is to reach a decision whether to approve, modify or not approve the advisory group's recommendation. A VMC decision is expected to become available prior to the start of seeding and no later than March 15.

**LINKS**

Newsletter Archives:  
[www.bcveg.com](http://www.bcveg.com)

Canadian  
Horticulture Council:  
[www.hortcouncil.ca](http://www.hortcouncil.ca)

**LINKS**

For potato industry  
news go to:  
United Potato  
Growers of Canada:  
[unitedpotatocanada.com](http://unitedpotatocanada.com)

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Commission Hotline  
604-302-1046

**BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, April 4, 2013

7:00 P.M. – Reifel Salon

Delta Town & Country Inn  
6005 Highway 17 (River Road), Delta