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# Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

**BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION**

## **2014 ELECTION POLICY**

BCVMC 2014  
ELECTION POLICY

The Commission election policy was last approved by the BC Farm Industry Review Board (FIRB) in late January 2013. When the Commission received this approval FIRB indicated that it would only apply to the 2013 election and the Commission is again to obtain FIRB prior approval of an election policy to be relied upon when the Commission conducts the 2014 Commission member election.

With the Commission Election Policy again under review a stakeholder consultation is underway. Grower responses to an e-survey as well as stakeholder written submissions are being received by the Commission. There is still time to provide a response.

Recently, a second issuance of a bulletin about the e-survey occurred. Growers should contact the office if they have not received this recent circulation.

On completing the stakeholder consultation Commission members will review the received responses during the November 20 regular Commission meeting; the draft policy will be finalized and again circulated to stakeholders for another round of feedback. By late November the final draft form of the 2014 Commission Election Policy will be directed to FIRB for its review and consideration.

By visiting the Commission web site a copy of the DRAFT 2014 Commission Election Policy can be obtained. There are two versions available. One of them is in "track changes." This version shows prior and amended wording. The other version is one not displaying the changes and is easier to read.

<http://www.bcveg.com/docs/DRAFT%203%20VMC%20Election%20Policy%20including%20track%20changes%20-%20Sept%2026%202013.pdf>

COLE CROPS  
FOR PROCESSING

## **COLE CROPS FOR PROCESSING**

Harvesting of Brussels sprouts is expected to begin in early November and continue until mid-December, which is somewhat later than normal. The crop is expected to run to smaller sprouts of average quality leaving producers with delivery weights trending lower compared to other years.

The broccoli and cauliflower crops for processing end use are late, and harvesting which normally completes by early November is expected to run until late November. Yield for these crops is running less than other years while quality is average to good. Much of the lateness is attributable to the mid-summer heat and dry conditions and followed with the early October rain.

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CHC - AGM  
KELOWNA, BC  
MARCH 4 – 6, 2014



The 2014 Canadian Horticultural Council's Annual General Meeting will be held in Kelowna. The CHC AGM meeting dates are March 4-6, 2014. Your BC hosts are preparing a first-class event based on the theme **Growing a Healthy Organization** and invited BC horticulture producers to attend.

Meeting agenda; cost information, including reduced room rates at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Conference Centre; and registration forms and companion program information is available at the CHC's web site.

For detailed information click on this hyperlink:

<http://www.hortcouncil.ca/annual-general-meeting/annual-general-meeting-2014.aspx>

#### LINKS

Newsletter Archives:  
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AgriStability  
BC Ministry of Agriculture

#### Attention Producers:

Producers who are enrolled in the AgriStability program please note:

- **The final deadline to submit your 2012 AgriStability/AgriInvest Harmonized form (with penalty) is December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013.**

The penalty for late filing AgriStability is \$500.00 per month to a maximum of \$1500.00.

#### **Please note\***

A late filing penalty will only be applied if a 2012 benefit is issued. If no benefit is received the penalty will not be charged to your account.

Producers who miss the December 31st 2013 deadline will not be eligible for a benefit in the 2012 program year.

If you have any questions please contact AgriStability at 1-877-343-2767 and speak to your regional Customer Service Representative.

Website: <http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/agristability>

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