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Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

BCVMC ELECTION
POLICY - 2014

BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION 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 election for Commission members. The 2014 election process commences in late January 2014 with a call for nominations.

As the Commission Election Policy is again under review a stakeholder consultation is to be undertaken. This consultation will be similar to what occurred in late 2012 and it will take the form of providing opportunity to provide a response to an e-survey as well as provide written submissions to the Commission.

On completing the consultation Commission members are to reach a decision about the form of the DRAFT 2014 Commission Election Policy during the November 20 Commission regular meeting. The final draft form of the 2014 Commission Election Policy will be made available to stakeholders for final comment before it is directed to FIRB in late November.

The initial consultation period is planned to occur during the mid-October to mid-November time period. In mid-October an e-survey will be sent to producers for directing responses to the Commission.

Future Commission newsletters will provide information to industry stakeholders about providing written submissions to the Commission. This will involve visiting the Commission web site for viewing or obtaining a copy of the DRAFT 2014 Commission Election Policy.

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Information for storage crop producers having the interest to transfer agency was set out in the July newsletter. As the October 31, 2013 filing deadline approaches storage crop producers are reminded of it. For learning more about the agency transfer policy and applicable filing deadline dates refer to the July 2013 Commission newsletter.

By clicking on the link supplied below the July 2013 Commission newsletter should appear. <http://www.bcveg.com/docs/2013%20-%20July%20Newsletter.pdf>

By clicking on the links below information about Commission policies pertaining to agency transfer and grower marketing agreements should appear.

Agency Transfer Policy – Storage Crop Producers

[<http://www.bcveg.com/docs/Storage%20Crop%20Producers%20Transferring%20from%20One%20Agency%20to%20Another%20-%20May%202014,%202009.pdf>]

Grower Marketing Agreement Policy

[<http://www.bcveg.com/docs/Policy%20-%20Grower%20Marketing%20Agreement%20-%20Nov%2028%202012.pdf>]

LINKS

Newsletter Archives:
www.bcveg.com

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Horticulture Council:
www.hortcouncil.ca

LINKS

For potato industry
news go to:
United Potato
Growers of Canada:
unitedpotatocanada.com

OR

United Potato
Growers of America
unitedpotatousa.com

Commission Hotline
604-302-1046



AgriStability
BC Ministry of Agriculture

Attention Producers:

Producers, who are enrolled in the AgriStability program please note:

- **The deadline to submit the 2012 AgriStability/AgriInvest Harmonized form (without penalty) is September 30th 2013.**
- Producers can still submit their 2012 AgriStability/AgriInvest Harmonized forms (with penalty) until December 31st 2013.

The penalty for late filing AgriStability is \$500.00 per month; the maximum penalty is \$1500.00.

Please note*

Producers who miss the December 31st 2013 deadline will **not be eligible** for 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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