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2014

Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

NO CHANGES TO 2014
ANNUAL PRODUCER
LEVY RATES

2014 ANNUAL PRODUCER LEVY RATES NO CHANGES COMPARED TO 2013

During the January 22, 2014 regular meeting of the Commission a budget for the 2014 fiscal period was approved. As part of the annual budgeting process a review of annual producer levies occurs. This recent review concluded with a Commission decision that annual producer levy rates for 2014 remain unchanged compared to 2013. This is the fourth consecutive year that annual producer levy rates have held steady.

To view the prevailing Annual Producer Levy structure visit the VMC web site and view Schedule IV – *BCVMC Levies and Charges* - of the General Order [www.bcveg.com].

Link: <http://www.bcveg.com/orders.asp>

2014 COMMISSION
ELECTION

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The deadline for the Independent Election Officer (IEO) to receive nominations for Commission Member positions is February 26, 2014.

On January 24 the IEO distributed election information by regular mail. This information should now be received. If you believe you should have received election information, but this did not occur contact the IEO by telephone or email prior to February 18. The telephone number is: 604-302-1046 and the email address is: jackwessel@me.com

Producers have been sent election information corresponding to the Commission member positions that are to expire soon. These positions are:

Greenhouse Tomatoes – District I, II & III
Greenhouse Peppers – Districts I, II & III
Storage Crops – District I
Storage Crops – Districts II & III

If you are not a producer of the above mentioned crops or your farm production base is not located in the mentioned district you would not be sent election information for the 2014 Commission election.

DELIVERY ALLOCATION
TRANSFER DEADLINE

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The transfer of Delivery Allocation between storage crops producers or prospective producers occurs only once a year.

In order that Delivery Allocation transfers are completed prior to the start of the new crop year there is an application deadline, which is March 15.

An application for transferring Delivery Allocation is to be received by the VMC by the filing deadline. To make application the parties involved are to use the prescribed form. A form can be obtained by visiting the VMC web site <http://www.bcveg.com> and navigating to "Forms" or by contacting the VMC office at (604) 542-9734.

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Attention Vegetable Producers:

PLEASE NOTE the deadline for buying insurance for your vegetable crop is approaching.

To manage your risk the province offers producers financial protection against crop losses due to uncontrollable weather. The program is called **Production Insurance**. It pays compensation to ease some of the financial hardship if you suffer misfortune.

The Benefits of Production Insurance are many.

- It gives peace of mind for your family
- Offers security your bank manager will appreciate
- Forms a foundation for your farm business security
- Supports your risk-management planning
- Provides the opportunity for better budgeting and planning
- Limits your risk so you can invest additional resources in your operation

Production Insurance offers you two ways to insure your eligible vegetable crops: Quantity Coverage and Acreage Loss Coverage (subject to specific crop).

For details - Visit our Website - http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/production_insurance/

OR

Contact our office in Abbotsford – 604-556-3001/toll free 1-888-221-7141

Vegetable Application Deadline is March 31, 2014

GENERAL ORDER
AMENDED

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During the January 22, 2014 regular meeting of the Commission an amending order was approved serving to amend Schedule I – *Regulated Crops Designated Agencies Authorized to Market*.

The amending order as well as the amended consolidated General Order can be viewed by visiting the VMC web site [www.bcveg.com].

Link: <http://www.bcveg.com/orders.asp>

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

BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

7:00 P.M. – *Park Salon*

Delta Town & Country Inn

6005 Highway 17 (River Road), Delta