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Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

TRANSFER OF
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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 14.

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 www.bcveg.com and navigating to "Forms" or by contacting the VMC office at (604) 542-9734.

ADVANCED PAYMENTS PROGRAM (APP)

The advance payments program is available to BC root crop and greenhouse vegetable producers. The root crops eligible for APP are mostly those that are regulated storage crops and for greenhouse vegetables it includes tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers, but not butter lettuce.

There are a number of details about the program and for learning more click on the provided links. In summary, the APP provides advances of up to \$300,000 with the first \$100,000 interest free while the interest rate to apply on amounts beyond 100K is prime minus one quarter percent.

The advance payment is repaid on the sale of the crop. Specific payment deadline dates apply and this varies by crop.

To qualify a greenhouse producer must be enrolled in AgriStability and for root crop producers the first test of eligibility is demonstrating Production Insurance coverage, and, as warranted, enrollment in AgriStability. For loans up to \$100K there is a 1 % holdback and this is 3 % for loans greater than \$100K.

To learn more about APP you can contact the Small Scale Food Processor Association or the Agriculture Credit Corporation (Ontario). The mentioned groups are located in Nanaimo and Guelph, Ontario respectively and are approved by Agriculture & AgriFood Canada for delivering APP in the Province.

LINKS:

[Small Scale Food Processor Association \(British Columbia\)](http://www.ssfpa.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=107&Itemid=81)
https://www.ssfpa.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=107&Itemid=81
 Email: app@ssfpa.net
[Agriculture Credit Corporation \(Ontario\)](http://www.agcreditcorp.ca/crop_program_comparison)
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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

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



92nd Annual General Meeting

Growing a Healthy Organization

March 4-6, 2014
Delta Grand Okanagan Resort & Conference Centre, Kelowna, BC
www.hortcouncil.ca

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. Growers are encouraged to attend for certain days or the full event.

Meeting agenda; cost information, including reduced room rates at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Conference Centre, and registration forms and companion program information are all 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>



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

LINKS

Newsletter Archives:
www.bcveg.com

Canadian
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

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