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2014

# Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

2014  
Processing  
Vegetables  
Contracts

## 2014 PROCESSING VEGETABLE CROP CONTRACTS

2014 processing vegetable negotiations are completed except for peas. The Cole crop contracts were settled in mid-February and the bush bean contract was settled March 14. Negotiations for the 2014 peas for processing contract are to re-commence later in March.

Compared to 2013 the 2014 Cole crop contracts provided for a slim price increase whereas the 2014 bush bean contract is similar to 2013 pricing except for one category that witnessed a year over year 2 percent price decrease.

The British Columbia contract outcomes reflect a common North American trend of lower prices being offered by vegetable processing firms and producer acceptance of them. Much of the price decrease occurring throughout the various growing areas is attributable to lower corn and grain prices and this influence on farmer cropping decisions. As well, 2013 carryover of finished frozen vegetables products weighed on price discovery for 2014 processing vegetables.

2014  
Commission  
Election

## COMMISSION ELECTION

Earlier this month the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission circulated a bulletin informing about the 2014 election outcome.

To view the bulletin [click here](#).

The Commission members who will serve during the May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015 period are listed on the VMC web site. [Click here](#).

David Taylor remains as Chair of the Commission. His term of office expires December 31, 2014.

### 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

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## AgriStability Announcement

### AgriStability Interim Payments Attention Producers:

The AgriStability Interim payment deadline is approaching. This payment option is designed to help producers with cash flow during tough times. A participant can receive up to 50 percent of their estimated final benefit.

Here are some important details.

- To apply for an Interim Payment, you must be a participant in AgriStability for the 2013 program year. This means you must have received an Enrolment Notice (EN) for 2013 and you must have paid your enrollment fee before the deadline date.
- The Interim Payment is an advance on your final 2013 AgriStability benefit.
- If you receive an Interim Payment, you **must** submit a final 2013 application prior to December 31, 2014 that includes sections 7 to 12 of the Harmonized Forms. This will ensure your final AgriStability benefit can be determined. If you do not submit the final 2013 Harmonized Form, you will be in an overpayment situation and you will be required to repay any benefits received through the 2014 Interim Payment.

#### **INTERIM APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2014**

For more information contact us at: Toll-free phone: 1-877-343-2767 Fax: 1-877-605-8467

#### AGRISTABILITY REGIONAL OFFICES

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#### **ATTENTION VEGETABLE PRODUCERS:**

**PLEASE NOTE** the deadline for buying insurance for Vegetable **cropps & Strawberry cropps** (not plants) 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: (1) Quantity Coverage and (2) Acreage Loss Coverage (subject to specific crop).

For details visit our Website - [http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/production\\_insurance/](http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/production_insurance/)

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

#### **VEGETABLE AND STRAWBERRY APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE BOTH MARCH 31, 2014**

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Notice of  
2013  
Annual  
General Meeting

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION**

**April 9, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

#### **DELTA TOWN & COUNTRY INN**

**5006 HWY 17 @ HWY 99**

**DELTA, BC**

**7:00 p.m.**

***“Park Salon”***

#### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes of the 2013 AGM
4. Chair’s Report
5. 2013 Financial Statement
6. General Manager’s Report
7. Market Overview
8. New Business

***The BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Annual General Meeting is a public meeting; all interested parties are welcome to attend.***

***As circumstances warrant the Agenda may be amended.***

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## AgrilInvest Industry Advisory

### New for 2014 Continuous Filing for AgrilInvest

#### What is Continuous Filing?

Before the 2014 calendar year, AgrilInvest participants with a non-calendar year could not apply for benefits in the same calendar year as their fiscal year end. As a result, for many producers with a non-calendar year end, there was a significant lag between their fiscal year end and when they could apply for AgrilInvest.

Continuous filing lets producers with a non-calendar fiscal year end apply for AgrilInvest in the same calendar year as their fiscal year end. Beginning with the 2014 program year, producers can apply for AgrilInvest after their 2014 fiscal year end.

#### Who can apply for 2014 AgrilInvest?

Producers with a non-calendar fiscal year end, who have completed their 2014 fiscal year and will be reporting farming business income (or loss) for the 2014 tax year to the Canada Revenue Agency, can apply now for 2014 AgrilInvest.

#### How can producers apply for 2014 AgrilInvest?

Producers in British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and the Yukon, submit a **2014 AgriStability and AgrilInvest Statement A for Corporations, Co-operatives and Special Individuals** to the federal AgrilInvest administration. The form is available on the AgrilInvest program web site or by calling the Administration toll free at **1-866-367-8506**.

**Note:** Continuous filing for producers in MB, NB, NL, NS and the YK is available only for the AgrilInvest program at this time. AgriStability benefits for participants who submit their 2014 AgriStability supplementary information with their income and expenses will be processed early next year. Producers in BC should contact their provincial AgriStability administration for information on AgriStability.

Producers in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Prince Edward Island must apply for AgrilInvest through their provincial AgriStability administration.

#### Need more information on AgrilInvest?

Visit the AgrilInvest program web site [www.agr.gc.ca/agriinvest](http://www.agr.gc.ca/agriinvest) or call the Administration toll free at 1-866-367-8506.

*AgrilInvest is delivered by the federal government in all provinces except Quebec*



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