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Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

2015 ANNUAL
PRODUCER LEVY RATES
UNCHANGED FROM 2014

2015 ANNUAL PRODUCER LEVY RATES NO CHANGES COMPARED TO 2014

During the January 21, 2015 regular meeting of the Commission a budget for the 2015 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 2015 remain unchanged compared to 2014. This is the fifth 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], page 43.

Link: <http://www.bcveg.com/docs/BCVMC%20Consolidated%20General%20Order%20-%20November%2025%202014%20-%20including%20Amending%20Order%2043.pdf>

2015 COMMISSION
ELECTION

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The deadline for the Independent Election Officer (IEO) to receive nominations for Commission Member positions is March 6, 2015.

On January 22 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: 1-778-676-1046 or email: jackwessel@me.com.

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

- Greenhouse Cucumbers – District I, II & III
- Greenhouse Vegetables (any regulated greenhouse crop) – Districts I, II & III
- Storage Crops (any regulated storage crop) – Districts I, II & III
- Processing Crops – Districts I, II & III

If you are not a producer of any of the above mentioned crops you would not be sent election information for the 2014 Commission election.

AGM - REMINDER

BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

7:00 P.M.


"Reifel Salon"

Delta Town & Country Inn

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AgriStability
BC Ministry of Agriculture

2014 AgriStability Interim Application - Deadline: March 31, 2015

Attention Producers:

The AgriStability Interim application deadline is fast approaching. This benefit is designed to help producers with cash flow during tough times. A participant can receive up to 50 percent of his or her estimated final benefit.

Here are some important details.

- To apply for an Interim Payment, you must be a participant in AgriStability for the 2014 program year. This means you must have received an Enrolment Notice (EN) for 2014 and you must have paid your enrollment fee before the deadline date.
- The Interim Payment is an advance on your final 2014 AgriStability benefit.
- If you receive an Interim Payment, you **MUST** submit a final 2014 application prior to December 31, 2015 that includes sections 7 to 12 of the Harmonized Forms. This is to ensure your final AgriStability benefit can be determined. If you **DO NOT** submit the final 2014 Harmonized Form, you will be in an overpayment situation and you will be required to repay any benefits received through the 2014 Interim Payment.

For more information please contact us at:

Toll-free number: 1-877-343-2767

Fax number: 1-877-605-8467



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://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=3B2C227D4A104DC7A5F52084479DF4C0>

OR

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

Vegetable Application Deadline is March 31, 2015

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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