

December
2014

Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

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On December 3, 2014 the Commission filed a document with the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) to request a review of the scheduled September 2015 expiry of anti-dumping duties on certain whole white and russet potatoes imported at values below the cost of production from the USA.

This was the culmination of discussions with stakeholders from Vancouver Island, the Fraser Valley, and the Interior as well as the Commission's legal counsel. Several weeks of preparation were required to complete the document.

The CITT is scheduled to respond by December 30, 2014 indicating whether, or not, it feels that an Expiry Review is warranted.

2015 VMC
ELECTION PLAN

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Four (4) Commission member positions expire April 30, 2015. For the purpose of filling those positions a call for nominations along with attendant information and forms will be issued to eligible voters on January 22, 2015 by regular mail.

The four positions and incumbents are:

Greenhouse Cucumbers – Districts I, II & III – John Newell

Greenhouse Vegetables (any regulated greenhouse crop) – Districts I, II & III
– Vijay Randhawa

Storage Crops (any regulated storage crop) – Districts I, II & III – Peter Guichon

Processing Crops – Districts I, II & III – Hugh Reynolds

As in past years, Jack Wessel of the Council of Marketing Boards (COMB) will serve as the Independent Election Officer (IEO). All election information will be issued by the IEO. Also, the return of nomination forms or ballots, if warranted, are to be returned to the IEO.

The deadline for the IEO to receive completed nomination forms is March 6, 2015.

The deadline for the IEO to receive completed ballots for contested positions is March 27, 2015.

To view the Commission's Election Policy click [here](#).

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Final Submission Deadline “Reminder”

**2013 AgriStability Statement A -
AgriInvest Harmonized Form**

Producers, who missed the September 30th 2014 deadline to submit their **2013** AgriStability/AgriInvest Harmonized form, can still do so. **The final deadline is December 31st 2014.**

- **PLEASE NOTE:** There is a penalty for those who file their forms late. Producers receiving a **2013** benefit will have their payment reduced by \$500.00 for each month the forms are filed late, to a maximum of \$1500.00.

Producers who miss the December 31st deadline will not be eligible for a 2013 program year payment.

LINKS

Newsletter Archives:
www.bcveg.com

Canadian Horticulture Council:
www.hortcouncil.ca

AGRISTABILITY REGIONAL OFFICES
www.agf.gov.bc.ca/agristability

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*Commissioners and Staff wish all Producers,
Friends and Colleagues in the
Vegetable Industry
the very best of the Holiday Season
and a prosperous and healthy year in 2015!*

The holiday schedule for the Commission office will be:
December 24 - closed at 3:00 PM, December 25 & 26 - closed all day
December 31 - closed at 3:00 PM, January 1, 2015 - closed all day

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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