

## **Vertical Farming Vegetables In A Controlled Environment Structure Is Regulated By The British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission**

The British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission (Commission) anticipates the arrival of new agricultural technologies including vertical farming, where crops are grown in vertically stacked layers within an enclosed structure.

Agritech operations that intend to use this technology or other innovative practices and controlled environment structures are reminded that vegetables and vegetable marketing are regulated in British Columbia by the Commission.

All vegetables grown in the province are subject to the Commission's authority. Producers are required to be licensed by the Commission to grow, process or market regulated vegetables. Regulated vegetables currently include lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers that are grown within an enclosed structure.

The BC regulated vegetable industry is organized under the Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act and the British Columbia Vegetable Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme prescribes the rules, procedures and application. The Commission is the first instance regulator and acts by the authority delegated through the Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act and its Regulations. It is responsible for administering the Scheme, including coordinating producer activities, to ensure Orderly Marketing. Orderly Marketing is achieved through the promotion, control, and regulation of production, transportation, packing, storage, and marketing of vegetables. The Commission's General Order sets out the rules on how it manages the industry.

Information concerning the application of these regulations can be obtained from the Commission's website [www.bcveg.com](http://www.bcveg.com), or by contacting the Commission directly. Please direct your inquiries to the Commission General Manager.

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