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Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

New BCVMC Chair Appointed

NEW COMMISSION CHAIR ANNOUNCED

The BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) recently announced the appointment of David Taylor as the Chair of the Vegetable Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2011.

Prior to being appointed VMC Chair, Mr. Taylor served as the Chair of the BC Egg Marketing Board from 2001 to 2008.

Mr. Taylor, who resides in Kelowna, has an active history in the BC tree fruit industry both as a grower and as an elected producer-representative serving on tree fruit industry organizations, including serving as Chair of the former BC Tree Fruit Marketing Board.

During his time of service to British Columbia agriculture Mr. Taylor has also served on the Agricultural Land Commission, the Kelowna Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Council of Marketing Boards.

District Policy Hearing

DISTRICT POLICY HEARING

By now all Producers, Designated Agencies and other stakeholders should have received a Notice of Hearing regarding the Commission decision to amend the General Order regarding District Policy.

In 2007 the Commission was directed to report to FIRB about the applicability of district boundaries in the administration of the BC Vegetable Scheme. The Commission reported to FIRB in March 2007 and a 2-year transition period was established before General Order changes were to come into effect.

The purpose of the Hearing is to allow a Panel of the Commission to receive comments about administrative procedures and practices before the General Order is amended.

The Hearing Notice was sent electronically and by regular post. If you have not received a notice, one can be sent to you. Contact the Commission office for making that arrangement.

DATE: January 28, and if necessary
January 29, 2009

TIME: Day 1 - 1:30 pm
Day 2 - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

PLACE: Delta Town & Country Inn
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Delta, BC

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**Deadline
Approaching for
Delivery Allocation
Transfers**

**Disaster Financial
Assistance For
Farmers Due to
Recent Flooding**

DELIVERY ALLOCATION TRANSFER

The procedure for transferring Delivery Allocations is set out in the General Order.

For transfers to have effect for the 2009-2010 crop year Producers should submit a completed form so that it is received by the Commission no later than March 15th. Forms received after that date will be provided administration; however, priority will be

shown to those received prior to the submission deadline.

A Delivery Allocation Transfer form can be found on the Commission's website, www.bcveg.com.

To arrange for a form to be sent to you via fax, telephone the office to make this arrangement. Telephone 604-542-9734.

DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED

Due to recent heavy rainfall combined with snowmelt causing flooding in some areas in southern British Columbia, Public Safety Minister, John van Dongen, announced on January 8 that the Province has approved Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). Currently, the following areas are eligible for consideration for DFA: Juan de Fuca electoral area, Sooke, Metchosin, Langford, Fraser Valley Regional District, Langley, Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Surrey. Additional areas considered eligible for coverage will be determined as needed.

To be eligible for assistance, the damage must be from an uninsurable event such as overland flooding. Snowload and wind damage are examples of insurable damage and therefore are not eligible for DFA assistance.

The DFA program helps eligible homeowners, residential tenants, farms, small businesses and charitable organizations when property is damaged by uninsurable disasters, including certain floods and mudslides. For acceptable claims the program covers up to 80 per cent of the portion of a claim exceeding \$1,000, to a maximum of \$300,000.

DFA claim forms and more information about the program are available at www.pep.bc.ca or by calling 1-888-257-4777.

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2009
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Delta Town & Country Inn
6005 Hwy 17 at Hwy 99, Delta