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Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

STORAGE CROP
"LISTENING SESSION"

WED. OCT. 28, 2009

DELTA T&C
REIFEL SALON

10:00 A.M.
(LUNCH PROVIDED)

GREENHOUSE
PRODUCER LICENCE
RENEWALS
UNDERWAY

STORAGE CROP LISTENING SESSION WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009 – DELTA TOWN & COUNTRY INN

Notice was sent earlier in October to storage crop producers informing of a Commission Hearing to be held Wednesday, October 28 at the Delta Town & Country Inn starting at 10:00 AM. The Hearing (listening session) is expected to run to mid-afternoon. Lunch will be provided.

The purpose of the Commission Hearing is to allow producers to comment on policy matters now that District Policy changes are in effect.

The Hearing is not for the purpose of reaching immediate decisions; however, what the Commissioners hear during the session will influence a number of storage crop orderly marketing policies. In late January the Commission held a similar Hearing

(listening session) having regard to District Policy changes and more particularly the regulatory and administrative changes the Commission expected to implement.

Producers may recall that the Commission received FIRB direction whereby it could no longer rely upon district boundaries as a means for creating the regulatory environment.

Since the introduction of regulatory changes in April, now termed the post District Policy regulatory environment, a number of situations affecting orderly marketing have arisen.

The Commission invites Producers and storage crop agency representatives to comment on these and other matters during the Hearing.

GREENHOUSE VEGETABLE PRODUCER LICENSING

Greenhouse Vegetable Producers Licences are annual and expire November 1st. Currently, administration for licence renewal is underway and by now all greenhouse vegetable producers should have received by regular post a licence renewal form. If not already done so the renewal form is to be completed and returned to the Commission office accompanied by the requisite annual licence fee. It is best that licence renewal forms arrive at the Commission office by October 30th.

If there are questions please contact Sharon Danyluk, Licensing Officer – (604) 542-9734, extension 22.

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FOOD SAFETY
TRAINING KITS
AVAILABLE ON
LOAN

ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY KITS

The Commission has received "*Train the Trainer*" resource kits containing food safety posters, pamphlets, hand washing demonstration items, etc. from the Canadian Horticultural Council.

Producers can use these tools to remind employees of their role in the safe handling of fresh produce. Please feel free to contact the Commission office if you would like to borrow the kit.

ON-FARM IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING

The Canadian Horticultural Council's On-Farm Implementation programs to assist Potato and Greenhouse producers concluded on March 31, 2009. The total On-Farm Implementation funding allocation was a maximum of \$750 per producer for technical advice and/or equipment.

By March 31, 2009, fifteen potato producers and seven greenhouse producers had applied for funding to implement further improvements to their existing food safety programs.

CHC ON-FARM
PROGRAMS FOR
POTATO AND
GREENHOUSE
PRODUCERS

COMMISSION STAFF CHANGES

On May 11th two new employees joined the staff of the Commission. Sharon Danyluk replaces Dianne Driessen in Licensing & Grower Statistics; and Jim Shiell replaces Andre Solymosi as Market Analyst.

We wish Dianne and Andre success in their new ventures and thank them for their years of excellent service with the Commission.

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