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# Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

COMMISSION  
ELECTION  
2011

## COMMISSION 2011 ELECTION

During the November 18 regular Commission meeting the 2011 Election plan was approved. The election process, which relies on districts and commodity categories, commences with the call for nominations for member positions where the incumbent's two-year term expires March 31, 2011. The nomination deadline is February 14, 2011.

In mid-January registered producers should expect to receive a notice of election and nomination papers by regular mail. Only registered producers who reside in the district and produce the crop category displayed in bold text in the below table will receive election information.

### BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Members

Commodity	District(s)	Term Start	Term End	Commissioner
G/H Tomatoes	Dist. I & II	Apr. 1, 2010	Mar. 31, 2012	Casey Houweling
G/H Peppers	Dist. I & II	Apr. 1, 2010	Mar. 31, 2012	Armand VanderMeulen
<b>G/H Cucumbers</b>	<b>Dist. I &amp; II</b>	<b>Apr. 1, 2009</b>	<b>Mar. 31, 2011</b>	<b>John Newell</b>
<b>Greenhouse Crops</b>	<b>Dist. III</b>	<b>Apr. 1, 2009</b>	<b>Mar. 31, 2011</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>
Storage Crops (1)	Dist. I	Apr. 1, 2010	Mar. 31, 2012	Holley Swenson
<b>Storage Crops (2)</b>	<b>Dist. I</b>	<b>Apr. 1, 2009</b>	<b>Mar. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Peter Guichon</b>
Storage Crops	Dist. II & III	Apr. 1, 2010	Mar. 31, 2012	John Walsh
<b>Processing Crops</b>	<b>Dist. I</b>	<b>Apr. 1, 2009</b>	<b>Mar. 31, 2011</b>	<b>Hugh Reynolds</b>

Whether elected by acclamation or by ballot a Commission member's two-year term of office commences April 1, 2011.

## CANADAGAP - ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY

Many British Columbia vegetable farmers are enrolled in the CanadaGAP on-farm food safety program. Keeping up to date with developments, and in particular revisions to food safety manuals, is an essential part of participating in the program that assures continued market access for many growers as wholesalers and retailers implement vendor food safety requirements.

BC processing vegetable processors are looking to see that growers are able to demonstrate food safety certification before entering into supply contracts. The CanadaGAP program, which recently received Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) equivalency, is accepted by BC processors. If not already having done so, established or new vegetable growers would be well served by enrolling in CanadaGAP.

More information about CanadaGAP can be obtained by visiting the web site [www.canadagap.ca](http://www.canadagap.ca). Farmers enrolled in CanadaGAP can find updated food safety manuals and check lists on the web site.

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## PRODUCTION INSURANCE

The information below is provided by Production Insurance for British Columbia



Production Insurance offers financial protection against Vegetable crop losses due to uncontrollable weather. Production Insurance offers you two ways to insure your eligible vegetable crops: Quantity Coverage and Acreage Loss Coverage.

For details - Visit our Website - [http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/production\\_insurance/](http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/production_insurance/) or Contact our office in Abbotsford – 604-556-3001 or toll free 1-888-221-7141

Vegetable Application Deadline is March 31, 2011.



Production Insurance is supported by both the federal and provincial governments and is delivered by the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture.

## LICENSING

Annual licensing is a fundamental part of vegetable regulated marketing. Detailed information about licenses and license renewal is found in Part IV – *Licensing* - of the General Order. The General Order can be viewed by visiting the Commission's web site [www.bcveg.com]. Navigate to the Orders-General and Amended button and navigate to General Order. Schedule III of the General Order sets out annual license costs.

Other than for greenhouse producers, when license renewal occurs in October for licenses that expire the first of November, all other Commission licenses expire in the spring. In the table below is information that summarizes licensing.

License	License Expiry	Licensing Period
Storage & Processing Crop Prod.	May 14, 2011	May 15, 2011 – May 14, 2012
Wholesaler	March 1, 2011	March 2, 2011 – March 1, 2012
Processor	March 1, 2011	March 2, 2011 – March 1, 2012
Designated Agencies	March 1, 2011	March 2, 2011 – March 1, 2012
Greenhouse Producer	Nov. 1, 2011	Nov. 2, 2010 – Nov. 1, 2011

The Commission will send license renewal information to each licensee well in advance of license expiry.

*The Commissioners and Staff of the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission  
Wish you the very best of the Holiday Season and a  
Prosperous and Healthy Year in 2011!*

**Seasons  
Greetings**

