

December
2011

Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

COMMISSION
CHAIR
REAPPOINTED

DAVID TAYLOR RE-APPOINTED BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION CHAIR

Since the December 11, 2008 Government of British Columbia appointment, David Taylor has served as Chair of the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission, and with the end of the established 3-year term approaching on December 1, 2011, the Lieutenant Governor in Council approved and ordered that Mr. Taylor is to serve as Commission Chair for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2014.

BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION ELECTION

COMMISSION
ELECTION
2012

The BC Vegetable Marketing Commission is comprised of 8 elected members and the Government of BC appointed Chair. To be eligible to seek nomination for election as a Commission member a producer must be on the Commission register of commercial producers. Commission positions are based on crop and districts and there are 3 defined districts within the Regulated Area.

Should there be more than one producer nominated for a position, only registered commercial producers are able to vote.

On March 31 of each year the 2-year term for four elected members expires; consequently, there is a cycle to Commission elections with which most growers are familiar.

The Commission will commence with election activity in mid-January when a call for nominations will be issued using the regular post for circulating election information.

If voting is required ballots will be issued to eligible voters on February 24 for return to the Independent Election Officer (IEO) by no later than March 27. If one or more elections are held, the results will be announced March 29 during the Annual General Meeting.

The Commission members whose term expires March 31, 2012 are:

Commission Member	Commodity/Crop	District
Casey Houweling	Greenhouse Tomatoes	I & II
Armand Vander Meulen	Greenhouse Peppers	I & II
John Walsh	Storage Crops	II & III
Holley Swenson	Storage Crops	I

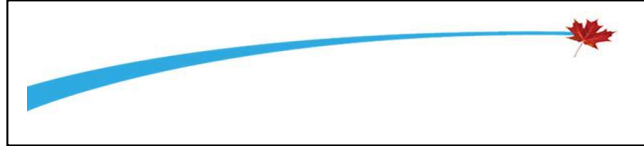
The BC Council of Marketing Boards (COMB) provides a service to marketing boards and commissions for conducting elections. As in past years the Commission has again appointed COMB to conduct the 2012 election and it will act as the IEO.

The Commission election policy may be viewed by visiting its web site [www.bcveg.com]. Navigate to the "policies and decisions" button and click on "Commission Election Policy".

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AGRISTABILITY
ANNOUNCEMENT



**AgriStability Interim Payments
Attention Producers**

Farm operations experiencing income declines can apply for an Interim payment for the 2011 crop year. According to the program a participant can receive up to 50 percent of his or her final AgriStability benefit.

Here are some important details:

- To apply for an Interim Payment, you **must** have enrolled in AgriStability for the 2011 program year. You **must** have received an Enrollment Notice (EN) for the 2011 program year and as well you **must** have paid the enrollment fee by the deadline date.
- The Interim Payment is an advance on your final 2011 AgriStability benefit.
- If you receive an Interim Payment, you **must** submit a final 2011 application prior to December 31, 2012 so your final AgriStability benefit can be determined. If you do not submit the final 2011 application you will be in an overpayment situation and you will be required to repay any benefits received through the 2011 Interim Payment program.

Interim Application Deadline: March 31, 2012

For more information please contact us at:

Toll-free number: 1-877-343-2767

Fax number: 1-877-605-8467

Website: <http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/agristability>

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Commission Hot Line
604-302-1046

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**During the Holiday Season the Commission office will be
closed December 26 & 27 and January 2**

*The Commissioners and Staff wish all Producers,
Friends and Colleagues in the Vegetable Industry
the very best of the Holiday Season
and a Healthy and Prosperous Year in 2012!*

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