

December
2007

Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

Changes in 2008 to some greenhouse, storage and field crop levies; Processing crop levies remain unchanged.

George Leroux reappointed as Commission Chair for a 2-year term

Annual Commission Levies for 2008

During the December 13 Commission meeting Amending Order Number 14 was approved. The amending order, which is accessible by visiting the Commission web site [www.bcveg.com], establishes the 2008 Commission levy structure. Annual Commission levies are set out in Schedule IV of the General Order.

Listed below are the changes that the Commission approved.

Administration Levy

- greenhouse vegetable producers with less than 5,000 m² = \$0.075/m² (was \$0.12)
- greenhouse vegetable producers with over 5,000 m² = \$0.095/m² (was \$0.14)

Research & Industry Development Levy

- storage crops, other than cabbage, rutabagas and turnips = \$0.11/ton (was \$0.055)
- field crops (lettuce and celery) = \$0.002 cents/case (was \$0.001 cents)

The amended Schedule IV comes into effect January 1, 2008.

FIRB Announces Reappointment of Commission Chair

Recently, the BC Farm Industry Review Board (FIRB) announced the re-appointment of George Leroux as the Chair of the BC

Vegetable Marketing Commission. Mr. Leroux's re-appointment is for a two-year term ending January 14, 2010.

Commission
Decision reached
on Storage Crops
Over Base
Delivery
Allocation

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Over Base Delivery Allocation

During the December 13 Commission meeting the matter of amending the policy for awarding Delivery Allocation within a Delivery Allocation period when 100% of the base Delivery Allocation is reached was reviewed. With a Panel of the Commission convening on December 14 a Commission decision was reached.

This decision suspends Section 6 of Part XVII of the General Order. In its place is an interim policy that will provide a method for use by storage crop Designated Agencies when the situation of allotting over base Delivery Allocation occurs.

Just recently, the Commission sent to

District I potato producers information about the policy change. This was done because the District I storage crop Designated Agency expects to rely upon the interim policy when 100% of the Period C Delivery Allocation for *Potatoes All Others* is expected to occur in early January.

All storage crop producers should expect to receive information about the interim policy and a copy of the Commission decision. In the meantime, Producers are able to visit the Commission web site [www.bcveg.com] for obtaining information.

Processing Crops Summary

Information received by the Commission from processors allows for year over year comparisons for peas, bush beans and corn. What occurred in 2007 is a clear improvement compared to last year. For the three crops, the same number of growers in 2007 with a slightly larger number of signed contracts produced crops that in aggregate totalled \$5.376 M. This amount represents a 33 % year over year increase.

In general, and, other than for corn, the year over year increase in the aggregate value for the three processing crops occurred mainly due to higher yields, more planted area, and higher negotiated prices in 2007 than in 2006. The number of bush bean acres reported as unharvested represents 7 % of the planted area. Reported unharvested area for corn and peas is consistent with other years.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2008
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Delta Town & Country Inn
6005 Highway 17 at Hwy. 99, Delta

 Seasons
Greetings

*Commissioners and Staff wish all Producers,
Friends and Colleagues in the Vegetable
Industry the very best of the holiday season
and a prosperous and healthy year in 2008!*



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Marketing Commission