

November
2007

Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

Minimum pricing
for Greenhouse
Bell Peppers
begins
November 10th.

Commission
Election –
Spring 2008

Greenhouse Vegetable Minimum Pricing

Coming into effect November 10, 2007 the Commission instituted minimum pricing for bell peppers. This is in addition to minimum pricing coming into effect for Number 1 Standard long English cucumbers in the second week of September. Although there is no minimum pricing in effect for tomatoes at this time, this may occur in early 2008.

Minimum pricing applies to all bell pepper colours; for two size categories and Number 1 and 2 grades. The size categories groups are XL and XXL and small, medium and large.

Minimum pricing for peppers and cucumbers is established by the Commission each Monday for coming into effect the following Saturday. Each minimum price period runs from Saturday to the following Friday – a span of 7-days. It is expected that bell pepper minimum pricing will come to an end with the close of the 2007 season and recommence in Spring 2008. Different to bell peppers, minimum pricing for long English cucumbers is expected to continue without disruption due to British Columbia winter production.

Spring 2008 Commission Elections

Each year the Commission holds elections for four of the eight elected Commissioners. This is so because the term of office is 2 years.

The terms of office for Linda Delli Santi, Districts I & II Greenhouse Pepper representative; Doug Gourley, District I Storage Crop representative; William Cheuk, Districts I & II Greenhouse Tomato representative; and Robert Spetifore, Districts II & III Storage Crops representative end March 31, 2008. Accordingly, the Commission will proceed with pre-election activity including the call of nominations early in the New Year.

In mid-January the Commission will distribute Notice of Election and nomination papers to all growers that correspond to the above-described positions. Subject to what occurs during the nomination process, elections will be held for the various positions during the late February to end of March period.

A copy of the election policy can be found on the Commission website www.bcveg.com.

Commission
Decision on SP
(Delta) Limited
Partnership
released Nov. 9

Greenhouse
Agency Managers
discuss topics of
mutual interest

*"The Future of
Farming in BC"*
meeting series
to be held at
Kwantlen College
and other facilities

Commission
Annual General
Meeting –
Spring 2008

Commission Decision

Further to the release of a decision without reasons on October 25 the Commission released the decision with written reasons on November 9.

The Commission decision pertains to the application by SP (Delta) Limited Partnership, a Licensed Producer, for transferring greenhouse vegetable

Production Allocation for the 2008 crop year. The application was the subject of a Commission Hearing held October 10.

Both decision documents were widely circulated to BC greenhouse vegetable industry stakeholders.

Greenhouse Agency Managers Meeting

On November 13 representatives of greenhouse vegetable Designated Agencies met with Commission representatives. The working session format of the meeting allowed for the exchange of information important to the agencies and the Commission. During the recent meeting a number of topics were addressed. Among them were minimum pricing, Commission oversight of agencies and agency governance.

Meetings of Interest

A series of meetings will be held during the winter months on the subject of the Future of Farming in BC. More can be learned about the meeting series by visiting the Farmers' Market Society web site www.eatlocal.org.

Presentations and workshops are to be held at Kwantlen University College Campus and nearby facilities.

The key topics of the workshop series are:

- Seasonal Revenue;
- The Cost of Farmland; and
- Succession.

The first workshop is scheduled for December 8 and 9.

Telephone 604-742-0545 if you would like more information.

Commission Annual General Meeting

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