



2012 GRAFTING/BUDDING PROGRAM GUIDELINES

BCFGA Tree Fruit Replant Program



1. Project applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Project approval will be subject to horticultural advisor review and may require verification of budwood purchase or supply.
2. The grant under the Program will be \$2.50 per tree to a maximum of 2,000 trees per acre. The payment is subject to completion of the grafting/budding project indicating a minimum of 75% of graft/bud success. Inspections will be carried out in the summer to assess the successful grafts/buds percentage in the grafting or budding project. For budding projects completed in August, inspection will be carried out the following Spring.
3. This Program is targeted primarily for apple projects. For any other commodities the recommendation of a horticultural advisor is required.
4. Plantings of less than 700 trees per acre require the recommendation of a horticultural advisor in support of the project for consideration under this program.
5. Projects will be approved based on the following variety pre-approved suitability chart:

Site selection is important in the success of any replant or grafting project. Some varieties have not had high rates of success in certain areas. Some varieties have a high rate of success in all areas. The program requires further review for areas where varieties do not have a high level of success. The following table shows which areas and varieties will require further review by the horticultural advisor and the project approval committee.

Variety	Pre-approved Area	Areas for Further Horticulture Review
Ambrosia	Vernon South	Lavington
Gala	all areas suitable	
Honeycrisp	Kelowna North	Peachland South
Pink Lady	Peachland South	Kelowna North
Sunrise	all areas suitable	
Other varieties	None	All areas

6. Applicants must complete a grafting/budding application. Approved project applications will be confirmed by letter to the applicant. If growers proceed with the project before the project application is approved by the Program Administrator, they may not be eligible for the grant. Applicants must contact the Administrator when the project is complete and ready for inspection.
7. Grafting must utilize dormant grafting wood and should be completed by full bloom time. Budding may be done during the spring or in August, 2012. August 2012 budding will be funded from 2012 program funding, but payment will be subject to inspection in the Spring of the following year. The original variety must be cut back to the graft/bud, and there should be a nurse branch left to allow vigor control. Because each project is unique, it is recommended that you discuss this with your horticultural advisor to ensure a successful project.
8. Successful grafting/budding requires considerable skills and growers should consider contracting experienced grafters/budders or take training to ensure success of the project.

9. Projects are eligible for the grafting/budding grant even though the trees to be grafted/budded may have previously received an Orchard Replant Program grant.
10. Some varieties require payment of plant patent royalties (e.g. Ambrosia, Pink Lady). Proof of payment of Royalties for the budding/grafting project must be provided prior to inspection. Contact PICO for information on protected varieties.
11. There may be some grafting combinations that are not compatible and this should be discussed with your field service or PICO. Growers should be aware that viruses from the rootstock grafted over could be of concern in some situations.
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13. Appeals. An appeal committee will be available to review disputes. While these guidelines are not subject to appeal, administrative decisions implementing them are.

Decisions of the Administrator may be appealed if the following conditions are met:

- a. the Administrator is notified in writing of the applicant's appeal within 30 days from the date on which the applicant is advised of the decision in question,
- b. the issue being appealed is clearly specified in the letter of appeal, and
- c. the applicant agrees to accept the final decision.

Guidelines for the appeal process can be obtained from the Administrator. All project approvals and claims are subject to the approval of program guidelines by BC Investment Agriculture Foundation and the availability of funding for the program.