



The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association

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Application for Membership - 2011

Owner(s) Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Total Acres Planted _____ (A)

Membership Fee: (applies to current calendar year only)

Base Fee (first 5.0 acres) \$230.00

Total Acres Planted _____ (A)

Less Base Acres - 5.0

Additional Acreage _____ (B)

Additional Acreage Fee, (B) x \$18.75 \$ _____

12% HST (you may claim as an input tax credit) \$ _____

Total Payment \$ _____

Please send this completed form with a cheque to the BCFGa at the address above, or phone us with your credit card number.

Top 10 Reasons For Joining
the BC Fruit Growers' Association

1. As a member, you are part of the forum for discussion of industry issues.
2. As a member, you vote for industry leaders – every year!
3. As a member, you contribute to the lobbying effort to achieve government programs:
 - a. SIR (\$1.6 million per year, urban taxes)
 - b. Producer Savings Account – AgriInvest (\$3.4 million 2010)
 - c. Tree Fruit Innovation Fund (\$1.5 million 2009-2012)
 - d. BC Tree Fruit Market and Infrastructure Innovation Initiative – AgriFlexibility (\$5 million 2010-2014)
 - e. Tree Fruit Industry Development Fund (\$2.2 million 2001-2011)
4. As a member, you have input through your elected leaders into the future direction of government.
5. As a member, you benefit by overcoming regulatory hurdles. On you behalf, the BCFGA will *provide information, advice, and intervene with over-zealous regulators.*
6. As a member, you benefit when the BCFGA presents briefs and represents your interests to government officials to implement programs such as the foreign worker program and environmental Best Management Practices funding for on-farm improvements.
7. As a member, you and fellow BCFGA members set priorities practical research projects that will help improve your farm situation:
 - a. *Horticultural research projects.*
 - b. *Coordination of research and extension activity* at Okanagan College, UBC Okanagan and the Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre.
 - c. *Crop Protection.*
8. As a member, you have the opportunity to participate by joining one of our committees or running for leadership.
9. As a member, you contribute to the *common interests* of the industry (promoting agriculture to the public through BCFGA “Agricultural Awareness” activities. *You make farming better for future generations.*
10. As a member you receive the BCFGA Newsletter and the annual BCFGA Portfolio, keeping you up-to-date and aware of new programs and program changes, as well as industry meetings and events.