

## BCFGA – Timeline



- 1811 – McIntosh apple discovered in Ontario
- 1889 – British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association (BCFGA) established
- 1905 – Approximately 30,000 acres under tree fruit cultivation
- 1911 – Approximately 2,000,000 apple trees planted
- 1914 – BCFGA membership rose to almost 700
- 1914 – Summerland Research Centre established
- 1919 – Soldier resettlement irrigation project started in south Okanagan
- 1920 – Public irrigation districts enabled
- 1931 – BCFGA purchases “Country Life in BC” newspaper
- 1933 – A Cent A Pound Or On The Ground – grower protest
- 1936 – Spartan apple developed at Summerland Research Centre (Dr. R.C. Palmer)
- 1939 – B.C. Tree Fruits Limited formed
- 1946 – B.C. Fruit Processors formed
- 1950 – Over 350,000 fruit trees in the Okanagan killed by cold winter temperatures
- 1956 – Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storage introduced
- 1958 – Royal Commission on the BC Fruit Industry
- 1969 – First BCFGA Horticultural Forum held
- 1970 – First Golden Apple Award – Jim Stuart of Kelowna
- 1973 – Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) established
- 1975 – Sweetheart cherry developed at Summerland Research Station – released in 1994
- 1979 – Tetra packaging introduced by Sun-Rype Products Ltd.
- 1981 – First trees planted in BCFGA Test Orchard
- 1988 – More than 27,000 acres of fruit orchards reported in BC
- 1989 – BCFGA Centennial celebration
- 1990 – Lusztig report released on the state of the BC tree fruit industry
- 1991 – Replant Program introduced to renew orchards
- 1992 – Ambrosia apple discovered as a chance seedling in an orchard in Cawston –
- 1996 – Sun-Rype Products Ltd. listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange
- 1996 – Investment Agriculture Foundation established
- 2004 – Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program launched (Mexico, Caribbean)
- 2008 – Cooperative amalgamations completed
- 2014 – BCFGA's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary