

BC Fruit Growers' Association

Friday File

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Apple Clearwing Moth

An Apple Clearwing Moth Project has launched in the past week, with the SIR program hanging Isomate-P lures in parts of Zone 2, and contractor Tamara Richardson starting to coordinate with interested growers in Zone 1 (where will hear from us about receiving Isomate-P by May 20), and Zone 3 to continue trials the same as last year.

The BCFGGA appreciates the cooperation of the Gary Judd (AAFC), BCTF field staff, Susanna Achaempong (BC Ministry of Agriculture), Melissa Tesche (SIR), Hugh Philip, and many others in helping to bring this project about.

Anne Fowlie retires after 18 years at the helm Long-time Executive Vice-President to leave CHC

Long-time Canadian Horticultural Council EVP, Anne Fowlie, has advised the Board of Directors that she will be leaving the CHC after nearly 18 years. "It has been a privilege and a wonderful opportunity and much has been accomplished, including establishment of the Dispute Resolution Corporation, AAFC Pest Management Centre and CanadaGAP. The organization is well positioned for someone new to come in and lead the organization." Fowlie says she plans continue to working and will look for ways to remain active within and contribute to agriculture.

Keith Kuhl, President thanks Anne for her dedication and leadership over the past 18 years and wishes her success in all future endeavors. The search for a new EVP will begin shortly.

Anne's last day will be June 30 and in the interim she will assist with the transition.

An Opportunity for Housing 12 SAWP workers in Kelowna

If you are seeking housing for your workers this season, the "Inn from the Cold" building located on 1157 Sutherland Road in Kelowna, BC is available for rent from April 1st to October 15th, 2016. The housing inspection has been done and the building is approved for 12 people (all male or female). The renter will need to provide one stove and arrange its electrical hook up. The building is located across from the Capri Centre Mall. The grower will need to provide transportation for the workers to and from the farm to the housing. Rent to be negotiated with the "Inn From The Cold" association. If

interested, please contact Bunvir Nijjer, BCFGGA Corp. Secretary at 250-762-5226 ext.4 or via email bnijjer@bcfga.com.

2016 Census - Statistics Canada

Statistics Canada conducts a census every five years and the Census of Population is being conducted this month of May 2016.

Who is included in the census?

The [census website](#) states that *“the census includes every person living in Canada, as well as Canadians who are abroad, either on a military base, attached to a diplomatic mission, or at sea or in port aboard Canadian-registered merchant vessels. Persons in Canada – including those **holding a temporary resident permit, study permit or work permit, and their dependents** – are also part of the census.”*

That means the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP) workers are also included in this census. The questionnaire can be filled out online or you can request a paper copy by calling 1-855-699-2016. Employers can help the SAWP workers in filling out the census or the survey and assistance is available in other different languages. Visit their [website](#) for further information.

A Welcoming Communities Summit- Okanagan College, Penticton

BCFGGA members are invited to attend Welcome 2016 which is a Welcoming Communities Summit to be held at the Okanagan College in Penticton, BC on June 17th and 18th, 2016. This event has been organized by the South Okanagan/Similkameen Local Immigration Partnership. There will be sessions and keynotes speaking on social and economic integration for new immigrants. For further information and registration visit their [website](#).

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Dates and Events- check the [BCFGGA Calendar](#) on our website for more information