

# **BC Fruit Growers' Association**

## **Friday File - Special Mail Edition**

November 15, 2015



**Test Orchard - bid for operation**  
**Deadline for input is November 30, 2015**

Summerland Varieties Corporation has entered into a lease of the test orchard in Oliver, beginning November 15, 2015. SVC intends to convert some of the orchard to a demonstration of promising new varieties, with the balance of the orchard to be operated on a commercial lease basis. SVC intends to hire a BCFGAs member to manage the commercial portion of the orchard. The area to be operated on commercial terms is currently an orchard of about 36.6 acres, planted as follows:

Apples	22.8 acres
Peaches	6.4 acres
Cherries	3.1 acres
Plums	4.3 acres
	36.6 acres

It is SVC's intention that the Commercial Orchard area will reduce over time, with the expansion of the demonstration area for new varieties.

SVC is inviting proposals to manage the commercial acreage of the test orchard. Interested BCFGAs members may review and respond to the Request For Proposal, which is on the SVC website, [www.summerlandvarieties.com](http://www.summerlandvarieties.com), or by contacting SVC at 250-404-0088.

Deadline for replying to the Request for Proposal is 4:00 pm December 11, 2015. It is mandatory that bidders must attend an on-site viewing of the test orchard on November 20 or 24, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The property is on Test Orchard Road north of Oliver, BC. It can be accessed from Secret Hill Road which is accessed from Highway 97 S.



## ***Tree Fruit Production Guide - on-line***

You may access the Tree Fruit Production Guide on-line at home or on your smartphone. The Tree Fruit Production Guide is available on-line at [www.bctfpg.com](http://www.bctfpg.com)

## ***2016 Tree Fruit Replant Program***

### ***Deadline this week***

The updated requirements of the 2016 Replant Program are available on the BCFGGA Website, [www.bcfga.com](http://www.bcfga.com). The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Norm Letnick, announced the opening of the new program on Oct. 15. The deadline for application is Nov. 20, 2015.

The Tree Fruit Replant Program is a 7 year, \$8.4 million program, funded by the Province of BC.

## ***Okanagan Climate Change Workshop***

### ***Impacts of Climate Change and Adaptation for Agriculture***

Participate in the discussion and help us to address these key questions:

- *How can the agricultural sector and partners in the Okanagan work together to build resilience to climate change?*
- *What are the risks, vulnerabilities and opportunities facing various production systems?*
- *What are the critical information gaps or areas where knowledge needs to be improved?*
- *How can we develop and/or fine tune adaptation tools and resources to assist producers with decisions at the farm-level?*

Workshop Dates and Locations: choose one location (lunch provided!)

Penticton Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015, 9am to 2pm

Penticton Lake Resort, 21 Lakeshore Drive West, Penticton, BC

Vernon Thursday, December 3rd, 2015

Vernon Golf & Country Club, 800 Kalamalka Lake Road, Vernon, BC

To register, contact [Okanagan@BCAgClimateAction.ca](mailto:Okanagan@BCAgClimateAction.ca) or call 1-778-676-7657.

## ***Receive Important Updates by email***

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## ***How to contact the BCFGGA Office***

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