Replant Policy #2 - Project Changes
February 15, 2016

Approved by TJ Schur
On: February 17, 2016

Allowable changes to project plans made after the program deadline for submission of applications are only allowed as follows.

Replant Project changes

1. A project will remain eligible if there is a reduction in the area planted, with spacing, variety and other factors remaining the same as the replant plan,
2. The location of inspected replant blocks must be the same as the location shown on the application, unless the advisor and the program administrator provide written approval for a change in location, and the approvals are completed prior to planting.
3. A project will remain eligible if there is an increase in density of planting; however, the funding available for the project will be limited to the spacing in the original application,
4. A project will remain eligible if there is a change of clear and generally accepted improvement to the replant plan. However, to avoid uncertainty, a policy is established that the only approved changes in a replant plan are as follows:
    a. Changing from benchgrafts to commercial nursery trees in the year of grant eligibility[1].
    b. Changing to the Ambrosia apple variety from another apple variety[2].
    c. Changing cherry, pear, or other soft fruit varieties, due to the generally interchangeable nature of these varieties[3].

[1] "Whips or trees with short feathers are preferred", according to BC Tree Fruits Cooperative and Summerland Varieties Corporation in Steps to Success in Replanting, 2015

[2] Ambrosia is a clearly superior product in terms of quality of production and medium-term market outlook. "B.C. is looked upon as having superior quality Ambrosia apples [by produce buyers]", (page 30) and also " BCTFC and the main Canadian retailers concur that demand is greater than supply in Canada. It is a grower-friendly variety," (page 35) as reported by Globalwise and Belrose Inc in Assessment of B.C. Apple & Sweet Cherry Varieties, 2015.

[3] "The variety of sweet cherries is rarely displayed in retail stores, especially the mass market food chains in Canada and the U.S., but variety still plays a key role in successful marketing programs. This is because brand marketing and quality reputation is a direct result of variety along with handling and storage. Cherry marketers also report that export buyers are quite knowledgeable about varieties and this clearly enters their decision making in selecting suppliers," (page 32) as reported by Globalwise and Belrose Inc in Assessment of B.C. Apple & Sweet Cherry Varieties, 2015