

BC Fruit Growers' Association

Friday File

May 28 2019



BCFGA Telephone Survey

Your Chance to participate and WIN \$100

The BCFGa is working in partnership with Okanagan College to find out more about growers' use of technology. In basic terms, *how do you currently use computers and programs, and what do you see as your future use of technology?*

By the end of this week, the summer students will have tried calling most growers, but response has been slower than expected. We recognize that this is not the most convenient time (but it is when summer students are available!). If you would like to arrange a convenient time to answer the questionnaire and have a One In Ten chance of winning \$100 - send your available time, date and telephone number to info@bcfga.com

The names of the students who may contact you are:

1. Arpan Sahsi
2. Deborah Efretuei
3. Gurvir Khakh

If you have any issues or concerns with the survey, please contact me at 250-762-5226.

Pest Update

Apple Clearwing Moth

Spring sprays for ACM are getting close. The research indicates that for conventional growers, sprays go on in the spring from **150-200 Degree Days**.

Because of the increased numbers, the lead field consultant on the BCFGa Apple Clearwing Moth Project is recommending sprays for all conventional growers, recognizing that some may opt for summer or fall. A Spring spray targets the larvae that are currently in trees that will emerge as adults in late May/early June.

Protecting young trees is important and summer spraying is good for prevention. A Spring spray should be applied to young trees if there is a population of Apple Clearwing Moth present. Discuss your ACM spray plans with your hort advisor.

Rimon has a pre-harvest interval of 14 days. The application rate is 1.4 L of product in 1000L of water. You are not to apply more than 2000L of water per hectare. So for the sake of simplicity – 1.1 L of Rimon diluted in 800L of water per acre.

The BCFGa newsletter will in future update key degree days and spray times for Apple Clearwing Moth.

According to the DAS email the other day, all Grower Supply stations are currently not available online, therefore the model data currently displayed is based on predicted weather data only.

Oliver central station has been destroyed as well.

ACM Degree Days for the Okanagan, May 27, 2019 ([FarmWest Degree Days](#)).

The past few weeks have been cool, and the accumulated degree days, which were ahead of schedule, are now behind the average at this time of year. The next few days of hot weather should help bring degree days closer to the historic average.

	<u>This year, to May 27</u>	
	<u>Average in Prior Years</u>	
Cawston	771	1020
Oliver South	780	1123
Summerland South	702	857
Kelowna Belgo	669	852
Winfield North	596	700
Vernon BX	606	793

ACM maps with [trap results from 2018 are available on-line](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page to get your specific area map.

Note that Isomate-P pheromones are not being placed this year by the ACM program. For those who had pheromones placed by the program in 2018, the ACM trapping results show “false” zero results and we have ‘blanked out’ those results on the maps’. If you placed pheromones, but the results on the map are not ‘blanked out’, you should not rely on the trap counts (which should be zero). These ‘False Zero Results’ occur because the Isomate-P pheromone ‘blinds’ the ACM to the trap pheromone. If a trap shows zero ACM, it is best to assume this is a ‘false zero result’. Therefore, growers with zero ACM trap results should examine their trees for signs of ACM, and if present, treat with Rimon in the Spring or plan on a Fall treatment.

SAWP

Question of the Week

I no longer have Mexican SAWP workers on my farm. The Mexican Consulate visited my farm. Am I obligated to let them view my farm?

No. The consulate should only monitor housing that is currently required for workers, and since there are no Mexican workers present or expected, there is no need for the Consulate to view the farm. You may politely let the Consulate know that you have no Mexican workers and ask the Consular officials not to visit your farm unless it is required by a current contract.

Financial Management and Mentorship - Webinars

Organized by the BC Cattlemen's Association, Open to all agriculture

Here is an opportunity for some on-line training - webinars let you watch and listen to a live educational presentation on your computer (sometimes it also involves dialing in for sound).

The BC Cattlemen's Association's Public Affairs and Education Committee will be hosting a webinar series starting this month! Join in on these Coffee Shop Talks and learn about mental health, succession planning, employee management and retention, mentorship and financial management. These webinars were funded in part by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Government of BC through programs delivered by Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC and the BC Cattlemen's Association.

BC Cattlemen's would like to welcome all commodities to join in on these webinars.

Mentorship Webinar

May 28, 2019 at 8pm PST.

[Click here](#) for sign in information.

Financial Management Webinar

June 4, 2019 at 9am PST.

[Click here](#) for sign in information.

Or sign up by calling the BC Cattlemen's Association office at **1-877-688-2333**.

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Tip of the Week

Minimum Wage changes to \$13.85 per hour on June 1, 2019. Vacation pay of 4% is owed (unless paid time off is scheduled).

Minimum Piece Rates changed on January 1 for the 2019 season, to:

Crop 2019	(for the 2019 crop year)	As of January 1, Size in metric
Apples		\$21.06 a bin (27.1
	ft ³ / 0.767 m ³)	
Apricots		\$24.23 a 1/2 bin
		(13.7 ft ³ / 0.388 m ³)
Cherries		\$0.277 a pound /
		\$0.610 a kg
Grapes		\$22.38 a 1/2 bin
		(13.7 ft ³ / 0.388 m ³)
Peaches		\$22.38 a 1/2 bin
		(12.6 ft ³ / 0.357 m ³)

Pears
ft³ / 0.767 m³)
Prune plums

\$23.72 a bin (27.1
\$23.72 a 1/2 bin
(13.7 ft³ / 0.388 m³)

The piece rates include vacation pay.

Labour Orientation and Safety Training Program

Worker training, orientation, finding workers, and helping communicate with workers
Ron Forrest is working at BCFGGA again this summer. He is now available to book training and orientation sessions. Ron will also be helping out with communications when difficulties arise in relations with workers.

Ron Forrest 778-363-3620 or rforrest@bcfga.com

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Note: BCFGGA has a very small office with limited staff. With many activities undertaken on behalf of our 487 members, Members should call to make an appointment to be sure of staff being present to meet with you (staff are often away on business related to the BCFGGA). You may call your local director so that the BCFGGA Board can remain informed on how to best represent the tree fruit growers of BC.