

BC Fruit Growers' Association

Friday File



August 15, 2019

2020 Replant

Make an application between August 1 to November 30, 2019

[Replant applications are now available](#) on the BCFGAs website.

Please note [Policy #10](#) regarding the purchase of varieties protected by Plant Breeders Rights (PBR). For growers intending to plant protected varieties, a Grower Agreement with Summerland Varieties Corp. (SVC) is required before replant payments can be processed. BCFGAs encourages growers to contact SVC at 250-404-0088 to ensure they are meeting this requirement.

Please also note that growers are required to acquire plant material (budwood, scion wood or trees) of SVC-managed protected varieties from an Authorized Source. [SVC maintains a list of Authorized Sources on their website.](#)

Note: Some growers acquire plant material by:

- *Taking cuttings from their orchard or some other orchard to establish a home nursery;*
- *Hiring a professional budder to propagate trees in their orchard or for their home nursery;*
- *Purchasing trees from another grower (who acquired the trees from their home nursery or an external nursery); or*
- *Purchasing trees from a nursery that hasn't been authorized by SVC.*

None of these sources are Authorized Sources of SVC-managed protected varieties. In all of these circumstances, growers must contact SVC to get SVC's authorization in advance. Please call SVC at 250-404-0088.

2019 Light Reflective Materials Program

Launch expected soon

A program to provide a 25% grant towards the cost of light reflecting materials (such as the well-known "Extenday" product) is expected to launch soon for 2019 year. These light-reflecting woven plastic fabrics have been shown to induce greater colouring and return blossom in fruit trees, and the program seeks to accelerate adoption of the use of light reflecting materials by growers. The fabrics are advertised to last about 8 years and are gathered and re-deployed within the orchard about three weeks before harvest on different crops.

The four year program (2019-2022) is developed specifically for apple producers, and will be administered by the New Varieties Development Council. [BCFGA.com](#) will provide a link to the program application and information page, as soon as program details are finalized.

Tree Fruit Competitiveness Fund (TFC)

Apply any time

The Light Reflective Materials Program funding is provided through the Tree Fruit Competitiveness Fund (TFC). The TFC funding is provided by the Province of BC. Tree fruit growers and tree fruit organizations may make applications to the TFC for marketing, research and infrastructure planning purposes. Application intake is continuous. Information on the TFC is available at BCFGA.com, and call Glen Lucas at the BCFGa to obtain assistance in preparing applications and follow-up assistance when projects are implemented.

Tree Royalties



**SUMMERLAND VARIETIES CORP.
CANADIAN GROWER ROYALTY CHART
Updated July 2019**

SELECTION NAME	TRADEMARK NAME	ROYALTY/BUD OR GRAFT	NON-PROP AGREEMENT
SuRDC CHERRIES			
Santina		\$1.25	Yes
13S2009	Staccato	\$1.25	Yes
Sumele	Satin	\$1.25	Yes
Sumste	Samba	\$1.25	Yes
13N0770	Stardust	\$1.25	Yes
SPC207	Starblush	\$1.25	Yes
SPC136	Suite Note	\$1.25	Yes
SPC 103	Sentennial	\$1.25	Yes
13S2101	Sovereign	\$1.25	Yes
SuRDC APPLES			
SELECTION NAME	TRADEMARK NAME	ROYALTY/BUD OR GRAFT	NON-PROP AGREEMENT
8S6923	Aurora Golden Gala	\$1.25	Yes
SPA 493	Salish	\$1.25	Yes
SPA 440	Nicola	\$1.25	Yes
Golden Sentinel		\$1.00	Yes
Scarlett Sentinel		\$1.00	Yes
September Sentinel		\$1.00	Yes
OTHER SELECTIONS			
SELECTION NAME	TRADEMARK NAME	ROYALTY/BUD OR GRAFT	NON-PROP AGREEMENT
Fuji 97		\$1.00	Yes
Honeycrisp*		\$2.00	Yes
Pacific Gala		\$1.25	Yes
Paul Friday		\$1.50	Yes
Pioneer Mac		\$1.15	Yes
Steller Series		\$1.50	Yes
VK71		\$1.00	Yes
ROOTSTOCK			
SELECTION NAME	TRADEMARK NAME	ROYALTY/BUD OR GRAFT	NON-PROP AGREEMENT
Krymsk		\$0.90	No

*** Please note that Honeycrisp royalty expires August 10, 2019 however you are subject to pay the royalty for any plant material (budwood or trees) propagated before the expiration.**

Golden Apple Award!

Do you have a friend or neighbour who is an outstanding apple grower?

The Golden Apple Award recognizes horticultural achievement for apple growers. If you know of a deserving nominee, please contact [Carl Withler, Provincial Tree Fruit and Grape Specialist](#).

BC Young Farmers (BCYF)

Okanagan Farm Tour - August 25th

BCYF has chosen 2 very diverse & successful organic farms. This tour is free, but for catering purposes, please RSVP to rsgill@uvic.ca. Please see attached PDF in email for time and location.

SAWP

Question of the week

Processing times have improved, but I have not heard back about my application and it is 3 weeks past when I should have heard something. What should I do?

First step is to call the Employer Contact Centre to ask about the status of your application - their number is 1-800-367-5693. They may be able to give you a specific timeline on your application being reviewed.

However, if the response is ambiguous, or if you have called more than once and received the same response, there is a small chance that your application is being 'held' pending an Integrity Division investigation. However, the Employer Contact Centre is not allowed to tell you that you are under investigation and your applications are being held pending an investigation.

This lack of transparency about Integrity Division investigations is supposedly in place to protect workers, but grower experience is that the process unfairly assumes the grower is guilty until proven innocent and can cause lengthy and unneeded delays. How do you find out if your application delays are a result of the secret Integrity Division investigation?

If you are not getting clear answers about delays from the call centre about your application, call or email BCFGGA (Bunvir Nijjer, 250-762- 5226, ext. 4, bnijjer@bcfga.com) or WALI (Veronica Moreno, 604-854-4454, vmoreno@walicanada.ca) to find out if there are any general delays in processing. Bunvir and Veronica can also inquire about outstanding investigations to discover if the delay might possibly be due to an Integrity Services investigation and to ask that any such investigation be expedited.

When an application is 'flagged' as being under investigation by the Integrity Branch, a hold is placed on any SAWP or TFW - Ag Stream applications. As an example, we heard of a recent case where a single employee made accusations of bullying and harassment against an employer (one which we consider to be a model employer in the sector). Integrity Division placed a hold on all SAWP and TFW - Ag Stream applications for the employer but did not inform the employer of the hold. When there was no response to a new application, the employer contacted the processing centre to ask about the delay.

The processing centre gave ambiguous answers to the employer's questions. Three weeks and many phone calls later, Integrity Division contacted the employer to arrange an on-site visit, reviewing the employer's facilities, workplace, and interviewing employees and managers. The

employer was completely exonerated, but several workers were much delayed in arriving and the delays heavily impacted the employer's ability to efficiently and effectively harvest cherries.

While the BCFGA fully supports the reasonable protection of workers, but the Integrity Division process does not recognize the time-sensitive nature of farming. The BCFGA is lodging a formal complaint about the secret process of placing holds without informing the grower, and also lodging a complaint about lack of service standards (long turn-around times) for reviewing and making determinations on complaints that are of an isolated nature and negatively impact the growers capacity to harvest perishable crops. Workers must be protected, but farm operations need to be respected too.

Transfer-In Workers Needed Immediately

South Alder Group in Aldergrove urgently requires up to 9 SAWP workers immediately. Greatest demand will be in the next 3 weeks, although work could continue to mid-September. If you have any workers available to transfer please contact [Betty Hurtado](#).

BCFGA Summer Labour Project - 2019


Contact Ron Forrest

Ron Forrest can let workers know of available work at your farm - call him to let him know when you need workers. Ron is available until the end of September.

Ron Forrest's number is 778-363-3620.

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

Date	Meeting	Details
August 20	BCFGA Board meeting	
Oct 16	World Food Day	
Oct 21	Federal Election	
Oct 22-23	Annual Review, Mexico SAWP	
Oct 28-29	BCAC Agriculture Day	
Nov 26-28	Annual Review, Caribbean SAWP	

 BCFGA Office: 250-762-5226 Toll free: 1-800-619-9022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brenda Jorde, Member Services & BC Tree Fruit Replant Program, local 1. ● Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2. ● Sheila MacGregor, Accountant, local 3. ● Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program, local 4.
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Please Note: BCFGA 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 BCFGA). You may call your local director so that the BCFGA Board can remain informed on how to best represent the tree fruit growers of BC.

BCFGA Board of Directors

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