

BC Fruit Growers' Association

Friday File



August 2, 2019

2020 Replant

Make an application between August 1 to November 30

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

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](#).

SAWP

Question(s) of the week

Why are BC growers only allowed to deduct \$826 per season maximum per worker for housing?

BC deductions are slightly different from what is allowed in other provinces. The program has been in Ontario for 52 years. BC has been participating program since 2008, about 11 years. The program is based on the experience in the other provinces, and modified where needed to BC regulations.

In other provinces, the worker pays for one-half of the airfare. However, in other provinces, housing must be provided at no cost (although in Ontario, an additional 'housing utility' amount is also allowed as a deduction from wages).

In BC, at the start of the program in 2008, the government determined that airfare must be paid both ways by the employer.

Since BC SAWP employers could not deduct a portion of the airfare, an equivalent amount was allowed for housing. When the Ontario 'housing utility' amount was introduced, the allowable housing amount was increased by this amount in BC. The amount is reviewed annually and adjusted as airfares change, and as the 'housing utility' amount changes in Ontario.

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.

South Okanagan Groundwater Well Licencing Workshop

Provincial staff are here to help you apply!

When: August 14, 2019 Where: Penticton Provincial Government Building, 102 Industrial Place Cost: Free	Register for one following session: Session 1: Starting at 10:00AM Session 2: Starting at 1:00PM Session 3: Starting at 2:30PM
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To register for the workshop and receive more information contact:

Email: elizabeth.corbett@gov.bc.ca

Phone: 1(250) 260-4635


Event Hosted By Farming Karma Co

When: Saturday, August 3, 2019 Where: 1160 McKenzie Rd, Kelowna, BC Time: 3PM- 5PM What: Public event - MP Steve Fuhr and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan will be in attendance

Please note that BCFGAs has "[non-partisan but engaged](#)" policy and that the BCFGAs will offer to do the same (putting a note of such event in our newsletter) for other party's candidates, if the notice is for an event prior to the call of the election.

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

Date	Meeting	Details
August 5	BC Day	BCFGA office closed
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 and 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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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.

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