

BC Fruit Growers' Association Friday File



March 23, 2018

BC Tree Fruit Production Guide

Copies of Spray Schedule available for BCFGAs Members

The printed Tree Fruit Production guide is being made available for members. Growers attending the production guide meetings on March 6-7 have received a copy (the Creston meeting will be held 7 pm, April 4, at the Creston Recreation Centre).

BC Tree Fruit Cooperative members who did not attend a production guide meeting will be able to get a copy from their field person. For BCFGAs independent members, if you wish to have a production guide mailed to you, please email Brenda at bjorde@bcfga.com. Independent members can 'short cut' this process and print up the guide.

Go to the website www.bctfpg.ca and select the spray schedule icon. On the next page, select the appropriate commodity (e.g. "Apples"). The page that is now active is the spray schedule for that product. However, it is not in a format for printing - to get the printed format, select the printer icon at the top right of the page.

If you need extra copies of the production guide, use the above instructions to print up the most current version of the guide. The on-line printed version is now dated, and any changes to the production guide made by that date will be made in the date-stamped printed version.

Mexico SAWP Delays?

Gathering information

If you are getting the runaround re your application from Service Canada, please send Bunvir [an email](#) with the following:

- Your Name
- Date you sent in your LMIA
- Any response from Service Canada
- Whether you sent in a request to Expedite
- How many workers
- When you need them
- If Service Canada has called you with unusual questions.

BCFGA, CHC and CFA are following up on these delays. Thank you to the growers who are maintaining communication with the BCFGAs on this important issue.

SAWP Problems Urgent

Recent new articles show importance of SAWP

The BCFGA and other industry organizations are taking a proactive, positive approach on SAWP issues. Recent news articles highlight this proactive approach:

March 16, 2018 Globe and Mail article -

[Foreign Workers on Quebec Maple Grove](#)

March 21, 2018 Global News article -

[Paperwork Delays Leaving BC Orchards Scrambling to Find Enough Staff](#)

The BCFGA, Canadian Horticultural Council and Canadian Federation of Agriculture are all pressing for improvements in processing of LMIA's.

Farm Workers - Supply Problems Urgent?

Help the BCFGA by filling in a short survey

You can help by filling in [a brief survey on the supply of seasonal farm workers](#).

AgriStability

Be aware of deadlines

The AgriStability Program will help many growers with low apple revenue for 2017.

To date, the BC Ministry of Agriculture has signed up 29 new Tree Fruit producers under the BC AgriStability Enhancement program. New and previously registered growers can get coverage for their 2017 losses.

The final deadline to participate under BC AgriStability Enhancement program is April 30th. BC Ministry of Agriculture staff are available for one on one meeting to discuss and help out with the program details and requirements to sign up.

To date the AgriStability Branch has received 38 applications for an interim payment. AgriStability is committing to complete these applications within a 30 day turnaround, and 20 interim applications have been completed and paid. The other 18 should be done in the next 2 weeks.

The final deadline to complete an application for an interim payment is March 31, 2018 (Next week!). For further information on AgriStability, contact 1-877-343-2767.

Climate Change Impact on Agriculture

Canadian Senate is gaining more influence on programs and policy

The BCFGA made [a presentation on Climate Change and Impact on Agriculture](#) to the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry on March 19. BCFGA President Pinder Dhaliwal and General Manager Glen Lucas made the presentation. BC Agriculture Council also presented - our messages and subsequent question and answer period with the Senators were reinforced by the opportunity.

Turbo Mist Sprayer Clinic - 2 PAC points

Time: 1 - 3 pm


Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Place: Hillcrest Farm Market, 700 Hwy 33 East, Kelowna

For further information, contact Darcy Yergens, 250-765-9765

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

Date	Meeting	Details
April 3	City of Kelowna Ag Bylaws	Pinder Dhaliwal, Sukhdev Goraya
April 4	Turbomist Sprayer Clinic	1-3 pm, Hillcrest Market, 700 Highway 33 East, Kelowna
April 4	Creston Tree Fruit Production Guide Meeting	7-9 am, Creston and District Community Complex
April 5	BC Ministry of Agriculture Tree Fruit Production Insurance Advisory Committee	Contact BCFGa at info@bcfga.com if you have any general policy or operational items you wish us to raise at the advisory committee.
April 6	BCFGA Board of Directors	

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 take your information on how to best represent the tree fruit growers of BC.

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