

BC Fruit Growers' Association Friday File



November 2, 2018

2019 BC Tree Fruit Replant Program

Over 130 applications this year

Thank you to all of the growers who are renewing their orchards and applied for 2019 BC Tree Fruit Replant Program funding. The application intake is complete, and we will begin reviewing the applications. A letter confirming receipt of the application will be emailed over the next two weeks, and a review of applications will take place at the end of November, with letters to applicants with final project approval in December or early January.

AgriStability

Deadline to pay your 2018 Program Fee

Growers participating in AgriStability receive an enrolment notice each year as a reminder to pay the annual enrollment fee. Enrolment fees paid after the 30 days date on your Enrolment Notice will have a 20% penalty added to the fee. Producers who miss the final deadline will be ineligible for the 2018 Program Year. The final deadline to pay the AgriStability enrolment fee on your 2018 Enrolment notice is December 31st, 2018.

If you would like more information, please call 1-877-343-2767 to speak to an AgriStability Representative.

Survey #1 - BCAC Producer Survey

Prizes include 1 of 5 \$100 VISA gift cards

[Enter the Survey Here](#)

Deadline November 16, 2018.

Survey #2 - The Current State of Labour

The prize is continued access to workers!

The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC), a research organization in the agricultural sector supported by agricultural organizations, is surveying stakeholders on the state of agricultural labour in Canada. The survey is open until November 30, 2018. A [Background](#) and [CAHRC News Brief](#) are provided for you to include in your newsletter or other communication efforts to encourage your members to make their voices heard by participating in the survey.

We encourage all growers to [complete the online survey](#).

SAWP Caribbean contacts

Caribbean SAWP Source Country	Country Population (2015 est)	SAWP workers in Canada, (average 2005-2009)	Contact	Phone
Antigua and Barbuda	93,900	9	Charmaine Williams*	416-523-4662
Barbados	287,500	428	Shirley Wall-Mayers	416-464-2997
Dominica	72,700		Charmaine Williams*	416-523-4662
Grenada	107,900	94	Charmaine Williams*	416-523-4662
Jamaica	2,790,200	6,821	Donna Adams	250-869-6288
St. Kitts and Nevis	55,400	29	Charmaine Williams*	416-523-4662
St. Lucia	183,800	234	Charmaine Williams*	416-523-4662
St. Vincent and Grenadines	107,900	291	Charmaine Williams*	416-523-4662
Trinidad and Tobago	1,332,700	2,040	Gaston Thongs	416-435-7048

*Eastern Caribbean Liaison Service includes the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Monserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines.

SAWP

Question the week

What organizations are involved in the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program?

- The Government of Canada: Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC, also known as Service Canada), Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), and Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA), which are involved in determining program requirements for employers and reviewing and approving applications (LMIAs), approving visas, work permits and administering Social Insurance Numbers, EI, and CPP, auditing employer compliance, and controlling entry to Canada.
- The Governments of Mexico and the Caribbean Commonwealth Countries (Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent and Grenadines, whose Ministries of Labour recruit workers in their home country and whose consular and liaison services help promote the program and protect workers in Canada.
- The Canadian Horticultural Council, representing growers through their provincial grower associations and through their regional employer groups (WALI in BC, FARMS in Ontario, and FERMES in Quebec) who support the operation and development of the program and either own or contract with travel agencies (MiTierra for WALI) to arrange worker travel.
- Provincial Regulators, including but not limited to, the Ministry of Labour (Employment Standards - pay rules, Worksafe BC -worker safety) and the Ministry of Health (Workcamp housing regulations).

For more information: www.walicanada.ca

Water Well Registration

February 28, 2019 deadline

You must register your agricultural *irrigation* water well by February 28, 2019 to retain right to use the well. “A water license is tied to your land and provides major benefits to your business including the protection of your water from future developments”. Registration is *not* required if you only use your well for domestic (residential) purposes only.

Start your applications by contacting FrontCounterBC at:

www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/start/ground-water

or telephone 1-877-855-3222

Speak Up! Seminar November 21, Kelowna


A training session organized by the BC Agriculture Council

“Speak Up! Training teaches producers how to tell their story and have positive, meaningful conversations about food and farming.” Attending a session will help you interact with the public and be a strong spokesperson for agriculture. The session is free for producers, lunch is included, and space is limited. [Register here.](#)

Meetings and Events

Date	Meeting	Details - BCFGAs reps
November 1	Okanagan Minor Use and TFPG annual review meetings	
November 5-7	BC Agriculture Day	Pinder Dhaliwal, Peter Simonsen, Glen Lucas
November 8	Okanagan Water Stewardship Council	Kevin Day, Glen Lucas
November 13	BCFGA Board meeting	
November 14-15	BCFGA Regional meetings	
November 16	Tree Fruit Competitiveness Fund - Project Review Committee, first meeting	Pinder Dhaliwal, Peter Simonsen, Glen Lucas
November 20-21	Annual Review Caribbean SAWP	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas
November 26	Replant Project Review Committee	
November 29	BCFGA Board Meeting	
November 30	Competitiveness Project Review Committee - first review meeting for new projects	Pinder Dhaliwal, Peter Simonsen, Glen Lucas
December 3	Starling Control Meeting	Deep Brar
December 4-5	BC Agriculture Climate Network workshop, Kamloops	Peter Simonsen, David Dobernigg, Glen Lucas

December 7	SIR Board meeting	
February 12-13	BCFGA Annual Convention	
February 15	BC Tree Fruit Horticultural Symposium	

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: BCFGAs 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 BCFGAs). You may call your local director so that the BCFGAs Board can remain informed on how to best represent the tree fruit growers of BC.

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