

# BC Fruit Growers' Association

## Friday File



September 6, 2019

### Light Reflecting Materials Program

A new program - deadline to apply is Nov. 30

A new program is available to assist with the purchase of Light Reflecting Materials that help add colour to apples. For those who have printed up the application form last week, note that the correct email to send the form to is [info@nvdc.ca](mailto:info@nvdc.ca). The email address error has been corrected on the application form that is available on the website. Visit [www.nvdc.ca](http://www.nvdc.ca).

### 2020 Replant

Make an application between August 1 to November 30, 2019

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

### BCFGA Summer Labour Project - 2019

Need workers? 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.**

### BCFGA Bursaries

Students - apply now!

[Two BCFGAs bursaries](#) are available for students to apply. The [Golden Jubilee](#) and [Joe Sardinha Memorial Bursaries](#) provide up to \$1,000 to a student who is related to a BCFGAs member. The deadline for application is extended to October 31, 2019.

### Minimum Piece Rate

Apple and Pear harvest rates

<i>Crop</i>	<i>2019 Piece rates</i>
<i>Apples</i>	<i>\$21.06 a bin (27.1 ft<sup>3</sup> / 0.767 m<sup>3</sup>)</i>
<i>Pears</i>	<i>\$23.72 a bin (27.1 ft<sup>3</sup> / 0.767 m<sup>3</sup>)</i>

### AgriStability Update

Deadlines etc

The BCFGAs has asked the province to enhance the 2018 AgriStability program with 85% program margin coverage and multi-commodity coverage. However, in May 28 and August 20 letters, the province did not agree to implement these enhancements. BCFGAs will continue to pursue solutions to AgriStability problems for growers.

The deadline to submit the "T1273 Statement A- Harmonized AgriStability and AgriInvest Programs Information and Statement of Farming Activities for Individuals" is September 30, 2019.

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

Date	Meeting	Details
Sept 12-14	Columbia River Transboundary Conf.	Glen Lucas attending
Sept 26-28	Canadian Farm Writers Conference	New Westminster
October 2	CPTPP International Buyers Mission in Kelowna	Contact Glen Lucas before September 13 if you or someone from your organization is interested in selling tree fruit to Asia.
October 3	BCAC Labour Committee	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas, Bunvir Nijjer attending
Oct 16	<a href="#">World Food Day</a>	
Oct 21	Federal Election	
Oct 22-23	Annual Review, Mexico SAWP	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas attending
Oct 28-29	BCAC Agriculture Day	Pinder Dhaliwal, Peter Simonsen, Glen Lucas attending
Nov 5	BCFGA Board meeting	
Nov 12-13	BCFGA Regional Annual Meetings	(dates tentative)
Nov 26-28	Annual Review, Caribbean SAWP	Pinder Dhaliwal, Glen Lucas attending
Dec 2	Agriculture Climate Adaptation Research Network (ACARN) Kelowna workshop	More information to come.

**SAWP**

**Question of the week**

*We will return next week with a question and answer. Perhaps you have a question? [Send it to us](#) and we will get the answer and let all BCFGAs members know the answer!*

**Tree Fruit Competitiveness Fund (TFC)**

**Apply any time**

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 BCFGAs to obtain assistance in preparing applications and follow-up assistance when projects are implemented.



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Toll free:  
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- Brenda Jorde, Member Services and BC Tree Fruit Replant Program, Monday - Thursday, local 1.
- Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.
- Sheila MacGregor, Accountant, part-time, local 3.
- Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program, part-time, local 4.

*Note: BCFGAs has a very small office with limited staff. With many activities undertaken on behalf of our 487 members, please 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.*

### BCFGAs Board of Directors

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