

# BC Fruit Growers' Association

## Friday File

January 27, 2017



### **BCFGA 128th Annual Convention**

**February 2-3, 2017, Penticton Lakeside Resort**

Plans are in the final stages for the BCFGAs Annual Convention at the Penticton Lakeside Resort. The meeting starts at 1 pm on Thursday, February 2 and 9:00 am on Friday, February 3. Most speakers have now confirmed. The updated Agenda is available on the front page of our website [www.bcfga.com](http://www.bcfga.com)

Reports are also available on the BCFGAs website - a few remaining reports will be posted on the BCFGAs website on Monday.

We welcome all members to participate and contribute to a great annual meeting. The theme of the Convention is Rejuvenation!

### **Water Well Registration Workshop postponed**

**March 2 is new date at Penticton Campus, Okanagan College**

The water registration workshop is postponed until March 2. The well registration fee of \$250 is waived if you register your well before December 31, 2017 (this date was also extended - before it was March 1, 2017).

To summarize, the workshop is available on either the morning or afternoon of March 2, and the aim of the workshop is to register your well during the workshop.

Please register with the BCFGAs office before March 17 to reserve your place.

### **BC Tree Fruit Horticultural Symposium**

**Mark your calendar**

The 2017 Horticultural Symposium will be held as follows:

**Feb 15, 2017**

**At Trinity Baptist Kelowna**

For BCTF Cooperative members, field staff will be contacting you about the Hort Symposium.

BCFGAs Direct members are automatically registered.

*Coverage for members paid by Summerland Variety Corp.*

## SAWP Country Contacts

Here are contacts for the SAWP countries. Some of the smaller Caribbean countries have indicated that their economies are particularly in need of foreign worker earnings, and they are willing to discuss particular needs/requirements for workers (e.g. one Quebec worker indicated that for vegetable crops, tall workers were not ideal, whereas tree fruit growers may desire taller workers) and in some cases allow growers to interview and select workers in the workers' home country.

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
Mexico	122,300,000	23,800	Ramon Moreno	604-684-1859 (3070)
Montserrat	4,900		Charmaine Williams*	416-523-4662
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, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines.

## SAWP Housing Inspectors

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Keith Suftin	Kelowna	250-317-3349
Brad Pears	Kelowna	250-717-6434
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- Brenda Zarr, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.
- Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.
- Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.

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