



## BC Fruit Growers' Association Friday File

June 30, 2017



### **The BCFGA Labour Orientation and Safety Program**

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### **Farm and Food Care - Real Dirt Photo Contest**

Deadline looming - July 14, 2017

Farm & Food Care is launching a nation-wide farm photo contest with \$4,000 in cash prizes available for winners in six categories.

More information: <http://www.realdirtonfarming.ca/photo-contest.php>

### **Employment Standards**

#### **Reminder to cooperate**

The Employment Standards Branch regulates payment of wages. A team from the Employment Standards Branch will be visiting farms in the Okanagan in July and possibly August to provide information and education to growers and workers. The field team will not require records to be produced during the visit, but will follow-up by mail to request any documents so as not to interfere with growers' seasonal work.

Growers must cooperate with the Employment Standards Branch during these visits - you should examine the identification provided by the team to ensure that they are official government representatives (they will have a business card or other ID).

[Here is a summary of the Employment Standards for Farm Workers](#), including minimum wage and piece rates. If you have questions on what records are required or what format to keep the records, contact the Employment Standards Hotline at 604-513-4604.

## Spallumcheen Rant

### A slow news day

The Mayor of Spallumcheen was recently interviewed on CBC and cast many aspersions on family farm operations. Here is the [rant of the Mayor of Spullumcheen](#) (use the scroll button at the bottom to go to 1:06, where the 10 minute interview starts).


Here is a [Kootenay Grower's helpful response and my interview](#) (from 59:00 to 109:30).

This demonstrates the need to increase public understanding and create Public Trust in the agricultural sector.

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

Date	Meeting	
July 6	Growers Breakfast Meeting 7:00 AM Denny's Restaurant, Vernon  Representatives from Crop Insurance will be there to discuss changes and answer questions.	
July 6	Genome BC Information Session	Glen Lucas
July 10	BC Agriculture Association Managers meeting	Glen Lucas and Brenda Jorde
July 17	WorksafeBC Rate Consultation	Glen Lucas
July 25-26	CHC Apple Working Group	Fred Steele and Glen Lucas
August 28	BCFGA Executive	
Aug 30 - Sept 2	Interior Provincial Exhibition	Visit us at our booth

### How to contact the BCFGa Office

BCFGA Office - 250-762-5226 Toll free -1-800-619-9022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brenda Jorde, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.</li><li>• Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.</li><li>• Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.</li></ul>
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