

BC Fruit Growers' Association

Friday File

November 20, 2015



Test Orchard - bid for operation

Deadline for response is November 30, 2015

Summerland Varieties Corporation has entered into a lease of the test orchard in Oliver, beginning November 15, 2015. SVC intends to convert some of the orchard to a demonstration of promising new varieties, with the balance of the orchard to be operated on a commercial lease basis. SVC intends to hire a BCFGAs member to manage the commercial portion of the orchard.

SVC is inviting proposals to manage the commercial acreage of the test orchard. Interested BCFGAs members may review and respond to the Request For Proposal, which is on the SVC website, www.summerlandvarieties.com, or by contacting SVC at 250-404-0088.

Deadline for replying to the Request for Proposal is 4:00 pm December 11, 2015. It is mandatory that bidders must attend an on-site viewing of the test orchard on November 24, from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.



Tree Fruit Production Guide - on-line

You may access the Tree Fruit Production Guide on-line at home or on your smartphone. The correct web address is www.bctfpg.ca

National Apple Competition 2015

Congratulations to the competitors and winners.

Here are news articles on the competition:

[Kelowna Daily Courier](#)

[Toronto Star](#)

[Click here for the results.](#)

Seasonal Agricultural Worker Housing Inspectors - certified

Kieth Suftin	Kelowna (travels no charge 2 hours)	250-317-3349
Brad Pears	Kelowna	250-717-6434
Bob Hamm	Kelowna	250-470-8467
Barry Chickloski	Penticton	250-490-1118
Dwight Carroll	Kelowna	250-470-8467
Hugh Cairns	Kelowna	250-808-5777
Mike Bradshaw	Kelowna	250-870-8340

Okanagan Climate Change Workshop

Impacts of Climate Change and Adaptation for Agriculture

Participate in the discussion and help us to address these key questions:

- *How can the agricultural sector and partners in the Okanagan work together to build resilience to climate change?*
- *What are the risks, vulnerabilities and opportunities facing various production systems?*
- *What are the critical information gaps or areas where knowledge needs to be improved?*
- *How can we develop and/or fine tune adaptation tools and resources to assist producers with decisions at the farm-level?*

Workshop Dates and Locations: choose one location (lunch provided!)

Penticton Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015, 9am to 2pm


Penticton Lake Resort, 21 Lakeshore Drive West, Penticton, BC

Vernon Thursday, December 3rd, 2015

Vernon Golf & Country Club, 800 Kalamalka Lake Road, Vernon, BC

To register, contact Okanagan@BCAgClimateAction.ca or call 1-778-676-7657.

How to contact the BCFGGA Office

<p>BCFGGA Office </p> <p>250-762-5226 or toll free 1-800-619-9022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brenda Zarr, Member Services and Replant Admin, local 1.• Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.• Sheila MacGregor, Accountant, local 3.• Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agriculture Worker Program, local 4.
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Dates and Events

Check [the calendar on our website](#) for more information

Date	Event
November 30	Tree Fruit Crop Insurance Deadline for 2016 coverage
November 24-25	National Meeting - Mexico-Canada Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (Pinder Dhaliwal and Glen Lucas attending)
November 30 - December 4	National Meeting - Caribbean-Canada Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (Pinder Dhaliwal attending)
December 7-9	Washington State Hort Forum, Yakima
December 1	Tree Fruit Production Guide - specialists review meeting
December 10-11	Agriculture and Climate Change Adaptation, workshop in Kelowna (contact BCFGGA if you are interested in attending)
December 14	next BCFGGA Executive meeting
December 31, 2015	AgriStability application deadline for 2015 (with penalty)
January 12 and 14, 2016	BCFGGA District Council meetings
January 29-30	BCFGGA Annual Convention, Ramada Hotel, Kelowna