

## **RE: Media Request on Heat Wave Production Insurance Claims**

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Yeah, probably a good idea to flag the deadline. How much info do producers need to include in the application before the deadline? What happens if they don't know the full extent of damages/losses yet?

**Heather Finn**

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**Subject:** Re: Media Request on Heat Wave Production Insurance Claims

Looks fine to me. Re tomorrow being last day to sign up...perhaps this is one for SM too?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2021, at 4:05 PM, Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX <[Dave.H.Townsend@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dave.H.Townsend@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Sam,

Suggested approach below. Peter is hoping to hear back from us this afternoon. Thanks!

**Reporter**

Peter Mitham, Editor

Country Life in B.C.

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**Deadline** ASAP

**Request**

Does production insurance have anything to report on notice of claims as a result of the heat wave?

I understand the province is considering a compensation package, so it must have something to report.

It would be good to have some representation in the newsletter item we are working on for tomorrow morning.

**Recommendation**

- B.C. berry growers and tree fruit growers are experiencing significant losses as a result of the June heat wave and the B.C. government has programs and people in place to help.

- Production Insurance offers insured growers relief for fruit loss and some plant loss when they are damaged through weather losses, including the heat wave.
- This insurance pays approximately \$14 million per year to insured berry and tree fruit growers for damaged fruit and plants.
- For crops that have been lost or severely damaged, ministry staff are working with producers to get their crops assessed and claims processed as quickly as possible.
- As of June 29, there are 81 Notice of Losses related to extreme heat. Of those claims, 50 are from lower mainland berry farmers and 31 from tree fruit growers in the Okanagan Valley.
- Growers may also enroll in AgriStability, a program that protects producers against large declines in their farming income which includes production losses such as those caused by excess heat. The 2021 closing application date for AgriStability is June 30.
- The ministry has an excellent team of dedicated professionals that help B.C. farmers manage their business risks. Producers with questions about protecting their incomes should contact the ministry directly.

## RE: Situation Report - Extreme Heat June 29, 2021

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Attachments: Situation Report - Extreme Heat - Mortality Disposal Update - June 29 2021.docx, Situation Report - Extreme Heat - June 29 2021.docx

Good Afternoon,

Attached is a compilation of the current state of challenges across some Horticulture and Livestock commodity groups, as at end of day June 29, 2021 pulled together by Georgina's team. Of highest concern currently:

- \* Poultry operations reporting high mortality rates (~500,000 birds). Ministry staff are monitoring as reports from various groups are compiled from the weekend. Ministry staff also liaising on disposal options (also attached is a supplemental updated on disposal pulled together by Dave Poon's Team for information).
- \* Cherries are on the threshold of harvest. High instances of burning. High concern among industry reps that BRM programs will not compensate for lesser quality fruit. Photos included in the attached report.
- \* Blueberries and Raspberries are being harvested now. High reports of sunscald, resulting in fruit that has ripened too quickly, producing fruit that is soft, discoloured, and small. A greater volume of fruit will likely be downgraded from the fresh market and redirected to process markets.

We will continue to update this report in the coming days.

June 29th Sit Rep:

Disposal Update:

Thank You,  
Mark

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Good afternoon,

Attached is a compilation of the current state of challenges across some Horticulture and Livestock commodity groups. Of highest concern currently:

- \* Poultry operations reporting high mortality rates. Ministry staff are monitoring as reports from various groups are compiled from the weekend. Ministry staff also providing information about disposal.

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Thank you,  
Georgina