



Meating News

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Producing Livestock for Meat in British Columbia – a New Brochure for Producers

The slaughter of livestock to produce meat for human consumption in BC is governed by the Meat Inspection Regulation (MIR). It is a complex piece of legislation, which has changed a number of times in recent years. To help livestock producers understand their options and obligations under BC's graduated licensing system, the BC Food Processors Association has produced a brochure entitled "Producing Livestock for Meat in British Columbia – What Producers Need to Know". It explains the different types of slaughter licenses, who can obtain them, what is required, what exemptions exist, and who to contact for more information.

We would like to see this information distributed as widely as possible in the farming community. The brochure is also available on-line for download from the BCFPA website: <http://bcfpa.ca/story/2011/07/26/producing-livestock-meat-british-columbia-what-producers-need-know>. Please help us get the word out, and feel free to distribute it as widely as you wish to your networks. Printed brochures could be made available at producer meetings, in feed stores, vet offices etc. We would welcome it if on-line links could be included in newsletters and posted to websites, listservs and e-mailing lists.

Further information about BC's meat inspection system is available on the Ministry of Health website, <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/protect/meat-regulation/>.

New BCFPA Support Program for Meat Industry

The BCFPA is pleased to announce approval of a new program, Sustainable Food Safety for BC, which will start operation in September 2011 and run for approximately two years. This marks the end of a transition to licensing under the BC's Meat Inspection Regulation that has been supported by the Province and the BCFPA since 2006. The new program's two major purposes are to help support a food safety culture for BC, and stability in the livestock and meat sector post licensing transition. The strategic plan and guiding document for this program is posted at <http://www.bcfpa.ca/programs/sustainable-food-safety>. Sustainable Food Safety for BC will succeed and replace the Meat Industry Enhancement Strategy (MIES). The Meat Transition Assistance Program (MTAP) closed to new applications in November 2010 and will close all current files at the end of December 2012. Enquiries may be directed to the BCFPA office at 604.504.4409 or info@bcfpa.ca.

Organic Matter Recycling Regulation To Be Revised

British Columbia's Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR) governs the production, quality, and land application of compost and biosolids. The Ministry of Environment intends to revise OMRR. The proposed amendments to the regulation are outlined in an intentions paper which can be accessed here <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/codes/omr/index.htm>. The Ministry of Environment is inviting comments from interested parties; contact information is available on the same webpage. **The deadline for submission is September 15th, 2011.**

The BCFPA will be preparing a submission jointly with staff from the Ministry of Health. Readers are welcome to make their views known to us by contacting Angie Froese, 604.504.4409 or angie@bcfpa.ca.

Captive Bolt Stunners on Sale

Bunzl in the US has .22 calibre captive bolt guns on sale. They would be good for market hogs and sheep. Contact for Canadian distribution is Chuck Bildstein at charles.bildstein@bunzlusa.com

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