



Ontario Tender Fruit Producers' Marketing Board

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To: Tender Fruit Growers – PPV Eradication Zone Areas

Re: **CFIA - Preventative Tree Removal Policy**

The following information was provided by CFIA for distribution to growers located in the PPV Eradication Areas:

2009/10 PPEP Preventative Tree Removal Policy

This year, preventative block removals have been prioritized according to their level of risk. The removal of any block that meets the risk priorities listed below is aimed at reducing the PPV inoculum in the Niagara quarantine zones and will move us closer to our goal of PPV eradication.

Once applications have been received, Notices to Dispose will be issued based on their risk priority and accepted on a first come first serve basis. The number of successful applications will be limited to available funding.

Subject to available funding, preventative removals will be based on the following risk priorities (listed in order):

1. All blocks that have tested positive in Area A in 2007, 2008, 2009 or winter of 2010;
2. Blocks that tested positive in 2009 (summer sampling) with 2 or more positive trees that did not trigger the 0.5% block removal threshold;
3. Blocks that have tested positive in 2 separate years between 2004 and 2009. For blocks that meet criteria #2 and have reverted to negative status, only those blocks that tested positive in 2009 are eligible;
4. Blocks in Area B or C which have tested positive in 2009 (summer sampling);
5. Any block in Area B or C testing positive for PPV in 2007 or 2008;
6. All blocks testing positive in winter of 2010.

Application deadline and conditions:

- Applications for blocks testing positive in winter of 2010 will be accepted until **March , 2010**;
- All other applications must be received by CFIA by **February 24th, 2010**;

- Growers will be notified after **March** regarding application status;
- Notices to Dispose will be served the week of **March** ;
- Full blocks (including stumps) must be removed by **May** ;
- Growers will be eligible for one fallow year payment if they cannot replant in 2010.

Financial Asset Loss Assistance:

1. All applicants will be compensated at their applicable rate.
2. Low density compensation rates will apply for all eligible growers.
3. Tree aging for financial asset loss assistance will be the tree age in fall of 2009.

Growers interested in preventative removal should contact Charlene, Karen or Laura at the CFIA office (905 938-5060) for an application.

Application Form

See attached - Page 3.

Yours truly,

Adrian Huisman
Manager

SPRING 2010 APPLICATION FOR PREVENTATIVE BLOCK REMOVAL

Please see attached policy and procedures.

Growers will be notified after March 3rd to be advised if application has been accepted.
Disposal Notices will be served the week of March .

Once the disposal notice has been served removal is mandatory.

Applications must be received no later than February 24, 2010

Grower ID: _____	
Grower Name: _____	
Farm Address: _____ _____	
Block(s)	Variety
Grower Signature: _____	
Date: _____	
If you have any questions please contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at the following numbers: Phone 905-938-5060 or Fax 905-938-8674	