



**Great Food Great Living**  
**BC Food Processors Association**

**MEMBER NEWSLETTER**  
**June 9, 2006**

*Welcome to the new newsletter for BC Food Processors Association members. Please send your feedback and story ideas to the BCFPA office.*

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***Request for images: Advertising Opportunity***

The BCFPA reserved space in the July/August issue of Western Grocer magazine for a feature article. We are seeking electronic images of members' products and logos to develop a collage. If you would like to take advantage of this advertising opportunity, please send your images to [julie.labelle@bcfpa.ca](mailto:julie.labelle@bcfpa.ca) by noon on Monday June 12. Images must be at least 300dpi and in either EPS or TIFF format. If you have any questions, please contact the BCFPA office.

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***Factory Clean-Up***

On June 27-28, the BCFPA presents this course on efficient and effective factory clean-up practices. **Watch for details at:** [http://www.bcfpa.ca/events.html#Factory\\_Clean-up](http://www.bcfpa.ca/events.html#Factory_Clean-up).

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***Guelph Food Technology Centre Training in British Columbia***

The BCFPA is offering Guelph Food Technology Centre (GFTC) HACCP courses in Vancouver and Kelowna. All paid BCFPA members receive reduced rates. **Register today!** For schedules and fees see: [http://www.bcfpa.ca/GFTC\\_training.html](http://www.bcfpa.ca/GFTC_training.html).

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***Healthy Eating Forum***

On June 23, Agri-Food Partners in Healthy Eating is planning a pilot Healthy Eating Forum as part of the ActNow BC program. The event will take place in the Pemberton/Whistler/Squamish region and will bring together key community stakeholders and parties interested in promoting and furthering healthy eating and active living in the area. Registration will be free, but you must RSVP to reserve your seat. Watch for Forum details on the BCFPA website.

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***Request for Input: BC Agriculture Plan***

The BCFPA has been invited to submit comments for developing a comprehensive and sustainable Provincial Agriculture Plan, and we are seeking your input. If you have any suggestions for how to enhance the diversity and competitiveness of BC's agriculture and agri-food industry, please send them to the BCFPA office today! For more information on the Plan, see: <http://www.harvesttohome.bc.ca/>.

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***Western Grocer Advertising Discount***

As part of the BCFPA's feature article for the July/August issue of Western Grocer, BCFPA members receive a 30% discount on advertising. To book your advertising space, contact Melanie Bayluk: [melanie@mercury.mb.ca](mailto:melanie@mercury.mb.ca) or 204-954-2085 ext.215.

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### ***Industrial Efficiency Initiative - Update***

DVD copies of this international satellite teleconference held March 9 in Vancouver are now available. Copies will be mailed to all workshop participants.

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### ***Recruiting and Retaining an Engaged Workforce***

A final report on this breakfast seminar is now available and has been distributed to event participants. If you attended the seminar and have not received a copy, please contact Julie Labelle at the BCFPA office at 250-356-1660 or [julie.labelle@bcfpa.ca](mailto:julie.labelle@bcfpa.ca).

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### ***Grocery Showcase West 2007***

The BCFPA has reserved 2 booths for 2007 to showcase the BCFPA and products from food processing companies under the umbrella of the Association. If you would like to participate, contact the BCFPA office today at 250-356-1660 or [Julie.labelle@bcfpa.ca](mailto:Julie.labelle@bcfpa.ca).

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### ***UPCOMING***

- **June 13-14, Bringing a Food Product to Market**, Guelph Food Technology Centre. Website: <http://www.gftc.ca/>
- **June 27, Applications & Renewal of Site & Product Licenses for NHPs.** Website: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/html/events.html>.

For more industry events, see: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/industryEvents.html>

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### ***NEWS***

- Focus on the Future final report and results of the regional consultations are available at: [http://www.bcfpa.ca/do\\_communications.html](http://www.bcfpa.ca/do_communications.html).
- Two University of Guelph Researchers are conducting a survey to assist in the development of continuous improvement in the Canadian food industry. The survey is available at: <http://websurveyor.net/wsb.dll/29764/ContinuousImprovement.htm>