

BC Food Processors Association

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

July 21, 2006

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

New Members

- Western Grocer Magazine

For a full list of members, see <http://www.bcfpa.ca/aboutus.html>.

Annual General Meeting

The BCFPA's 2006 AGM is scheduled for September 7 from 10 am – 11 am. The meeting will be held by teleconference, and all members are invited to attend. Watch for details on the website.

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.

Marketing Opportunity: Natural Sources Directory

The Western Canada Functional Food and Natural Health Products Network is updating the Natural Sources Directory, a listing of businesses involved in the functional food, nutraceutical & natural health products industry. The Directory will be distributed to over 5000 government and business contacts and will be available in print and electronic copies. A number of packages are available. For more information see: <http://www.bcfn2.com/>.

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/>.

UPCOMING

- **August 8-9, Try-Healthy Forum/Tri-National Agricultural Accord**
Website: <http://www.tryhealthyforum.com/>.
- **August 10-11, Advanced and Rapid Methods in Quality Control of Meat Products**, Canadian Meat Council
Website: http://www.cmc-cvc.com/english/index_e.asp.

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

NEWS

- The July Agri-Food Update from the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands is available at: http://www.bcfpa.ca/do_communications.html.
- Health Canada is conducting a consultation on Policy on Public Input into the Review of Health Products. An online workbook is available until September 29. See: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/branch-dirgen/hpfb-dgpsa/public-rev-exam/index_e.html
- Statistics Canada released an article from the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS 2.2) on Canadians' eating habits since the 1970s. The article contains initial results of the analysis on the dietary intake data. See: <http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/82-620-MIE/82-620-MIE2006002.pdf>.
- Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting post show information is available on this website: <http://www.am-fe.ift.org/cms/>
- The Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (CIPARS) 2004 Annual Report is now available at: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/cipars-picra/index.html>.