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December 16, 2005

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CHC believes that this is a good project and has been requesting this type of initiative for quite some time. **The information collected will be of most benefit to growers like you. Your answers will be used to better direct current efforts and new initiatives being designed to help Canadian growers access the tools they need to remain competitive.** In addition to collecting information regarding current products and practices used to manage pests, the survey also includes a section which allows you to identify insecticides, herbicides and fungicides that you feel need to be registered for use on your fruit and vegetable crops in Canada.

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The Canadian Horticultural Council would like to encourage you to take the opportunity to participate in this survey. As is the case with all Statistics Canada surveys, your information is kept strictly confidential. The results of this survey will be of use to grower associations as well and will only be used for your benefit.

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Sincerely,

Robert MacDonald
President

Gary Brown
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December 6, 2005

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BRITISH COLUMBIA GRAPEGROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Fédération des producteurs
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Daniel Ruel, agr.
Director General

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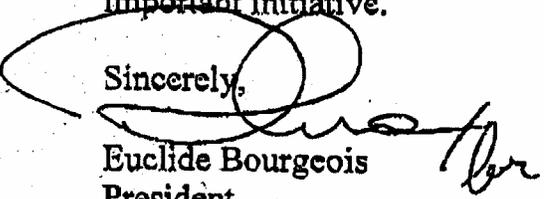
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Euclide Bourgeois
President



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December 15, 2005

Dear Nova Scotia Apple Grower:

The Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association encourages you to complete the first "Canadian Crop Protection Survey". This survey has been developed to collect information on producer pesticide use and Integrated Pest Management adoption.

The resulting survey data will provide Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada's Pest Management Centre with the information that they need to develop programs that facilitate access to the pesticide products that you need, and that will enable you to use pesticides and pest management practices more effectively in your orchard.

Statistics Canada does need accurate producer information, and they have stated that the information will be kept confidential, so please take the time to participate in this face-to-face survey interview with a Statistics Canada enumerator on your farm.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director
Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association