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II. Purpose:

The purpose of The *British Columbia Organic Industry Overview* is to serve as a reference for new and existing organic farmers, government agencies, industry members and the general public seeking information pertaining to the certified organic agricultural sector in British Columbia. The compilation of statistics, descriptions of industry structure, function, and resources devoted to the sector highlight that organic agriculture is an important industry in and of itself and has its own unique strengths and challenges.

III. List of Abbreviations

AAFC – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
AFFF – Agri-Food Futures Fund
BCCMB – British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board
BCCOP – British Columbia Certified Organic Program
BCEMB – British Columbia Egg Marketing Board
BCMAL – British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
BCMMB – British Columbia Milk Marketing Board
BCMOH – British Columbia Ministry of Health
BCSPAC – British Columbia Specialty Production Advisory Committee
BCTF – British Columbia Tree Fruits Ltd.
BCTMB – British Columbia Turkey Marketing Board
BCVMC – British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission
CAAQ – Conseil des Appellations Agroalimentaires du Québec
CB – Certification Body
CCS – Cawston Cold Storage
CFIA – Canadian Food Inspection Agency
CGSB – Canadian General Standards Board
CIP – Cottage Industry Program
COABC – Certified Organic Associations of British Columbia
COG – Canadian Organic Growers
COI – Canadian Organic Initiative Project
COO – Canadian Organic Office
EFP – British Columbia Environmental Farm Plan Program
EU – European Union
FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization
FIRB – British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board
FVOPA – Fraser Valley Organic Producers Association
GE – Genetically Engineered
GMO – Genetically Modified Organisms
Ha – Hectare
IAF – Investment Agriculture Foundation
IFOAM – International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
IOAS – International Organic Accreditation Service
IOIA – Independent Organic Inspectors Association
ISO – International Organization for Standardization
JAS – Japanese Agricultural Standard
MAFFJ – Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan
MIES – British Columbia Meat Industry Enhancement Strategy
NOP – National Organic Program
OACC – Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada
OMRI – Organic Materials Review Institute
ORC – Organic Regulatory Committee
OSC – Okanagan Similkameen Cooperative Growers
OSDP – British Columbia Organic Sector Development Program
OTF – Organic Production System Task Force
PACS – Pacific Agricultural Certification Society
PARC – Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre
POSA – Pacific Organic Seafood Association
QAI – Quality Assurance International
SAWP – Seasonal Agricultural Workers’ Program
SCC – Standards Council of Canada
SPTPQ – Specialty Product Total Production Quota
US – United States of America
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
WHO – World Health Organization
WTO – World Trade Organization

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