

Final Report for OSDP Project I-076 - “Hot water treatment for the control of post-harvest rots on organic cherries”

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I-076 Project

The *Hot water treatment for the control of post-harvest rots on organic cherries* project was approved by the OSDP in early 2007 and the research was carried out in the summer of 2007. The research report was compiled and written by Dr. Peter Sholberg in April 2008. This final report was delayed because the demands of the growing season made it difficult for the OKCGA to find time to do it.

Project Results

The project was completed as planned in an effective and professional manner by Julie Boulé, under the supervision of Dr. Peter Sholberg (PARC, Summerland). The results provide some interest for further research in this area. The OKCGA is pleased to have participated in this project and believes the results will provide a valuable addition to the research available for organic cherry growers (see I-076 Project Report).

Financial Report

Income

Source	Projected In-kind	Projected cash	Actual in-kind	Actual Cash
Okanagan Kootenay Cherry Growers		\$2,600		\$2,600
Neil and Jaqui Sproule	\$4,000		\$4,000	
OSDP		\$5,200		\$2,600
Subtotal	\$4,000	\$7,800	\$4,000	\$5,600*
Totals	\$11,800		\$9,600	

*\$2,600 still owing from OSDP – payable upon acceptance of final report

Expenses

Expenditure	Projected Cost		Actual Cost	
	Cash	In-kind	Cash	In-kind
Instruments for monitoring process/quality assessment	\$2,000		\$2,000	
Laboratory supplies	\$3,400		\$4,000	
Modifications to packing line	\$1,000		\$0	
Travel	\$600		\$1,000	
Administration	\$800		\$800	
Fruit, equipment and labour provided by grower/packer (Neil and Jaqui Sproule)		\$4,000		\$4,000
Subtotal	\$7,800	\$4,000	\$7,800	\$4,000
Total	\$11,800		\$11,800	

Conclusion

This is to confirm that the project (I-076 hot water treatment) was carried out in accordance with the terms of the OSDP Agreement and its Schedules.

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