



The ABGA is funding a major marketing program – please contribute your share

Why should I pay the voluntary levy?

The voluntary levies fund all of the essential activities that contribute to the growth of our blueberry industry. Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining a dedicated marketing campaign
- Research & development into registered chemicals + IPM + Integrated Disease Management programs
- Funding legal advice to support appropriate planning conditions
- Progressing applications for market access to key markets such as New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam
- Developing export protocols into Japan
- Funding our Industry Development Officer
- Funding our Executive Director and support staff
- Communication and engagement with members – industry journal, e-news, website, conference
- Promoting positive industry stories and addressing negative media
- Providing our contribution to Hort Innovation under the Collective Industry Fund which is matched with equal funding used for various industry projects as determined by the Blueberry Strategic Industry Advisory Panel

How much levy do I have to pay?

For this year standard levies are \$0.07/kg fruit sold. This will cover both R&D and Marketing investments.

When do I pay the voluntary levy?

Levies are payable once every financial quarter:

Quarter	Period Covered	Payable by
Q1	1 July – 30 September	31 October
Q2	1 October – 31 December	31 January
Q3	1 January – 31 March	30 April
Q4	1 April – 30 June	31 July

How do I pay the levy?

Follow the steps below:

1. Prepare a statement with the following information

- Grower Name
- Quarter + Dates (e.g. Q2 1st Oct - 31st Dec 2019)
- Number of kg fruit sold in that quarter
- Amount of levy being paid
- Indicate if your agent deducts your levies (if so, include agent name)

2. Email the statement to the Membership Officer

Email statement to: admin@berries.net.au

The Membership Officer will send you an Invoice for payment

3. Pay your levy to the ABGA account

Account name: Australian Blueberry Growers' Association
Bank: Westpac
BSB: 033 107
Account: 181 471
Reference: GROWER NAME + Financial Quarter (e.g. "Joe Bloggs Q2 levy")

My agent deducts levies – what do I need to do?

Send the Membership Officer a statement as per Step 1 above. She will then check that the agent has paid the levy. Email the statement to admin@berries.net.au

What about confidentiality of the information provided?

Any information provided will be kept confidential.

I need help, who do I contact?

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