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Gaurav Maan is winemaker at his family's farm in Abbotsford, which has diversified from cole crops and berries into a popular agritourism destination that pays homage to the family's roots and is planning for a bright future. See story on page 37. RONDA PAYNE PHOTO

Livestock groups ramp up security

Langley calf latest casualty

by PETER MITHAM

LANGLEY—The brutal killing and theft of a calf at a popular dairy farm Langley at the beginning of August underscores the need for greater farm security.

"It needs to be nipped in the bud," says Erin Anderson, who with her husband Brian operate Eagle Acres Dairy with its milking herd of 60 cows and popular agritourism operation.

The couple awoke on August 1 to discover a trail of blood out the side of their barn. Security camera footage showed two well-dressed individuals entering the barn, shooting the calf with an

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EU tightens shipping rules

by PETER MITHAM

KELOWNA—BC fruit growers were caught off-guard by new European Union shipping requirements that kicked in September 1, but they believe they've got time to prepare their operations to ship in 2020.

The rules, announced August 22, require all EU trading partners to have a "systems approach" to certify shipments of fresh apples, pears, cherries, blueberries (and related species),

potatoes and tomatoes. BC exported more than \$7 million worth of these products to the EU in 2018.

Systems-based protocols focus on five areas: field and production practices, preharvest management, postharvest handling, inspection and certification protocols and shipping and distribution measures.

"It's not a great situation, but luckily we've got the off-season to work through and find out what the EU requirements [are]," BC Cherry

Association president Sukhpal Bal told *Country Life in BC*. "We're confident the CFIA will work through with their EU counterparts and address the questions the EU has regarding some of the pests in our area."

Bal says some growers have shipped to the EU for more than 25 years. More recently, growers have planted blocks specifically for shipment to the region.

Glen Lucas, general

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