

## **Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers 2019 Share Your Best Shots 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Photo Contest**

Have you got an eye for capturing a great photo? Do you have an old photo in your possession that deserves to be shared? We want you to share your best veggie shots with us! The Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers is holding it's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Share Your Best Shots photo contest.

You're invited to submit your favourite photos for a chance to win great prizes and to be featured in OPVG's social media initiatives and other marketing and promotional materials. We're looking for photos that showcase Ontario vegetable processing from field to fork. Across five categories we are looking for pictures of our industry, from planting the seeds and transplants through to harvesting and processing, even eating our crops.

This contest is open to everyone. You do not have to be a member of Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers to be eligible to enter.

Winners of the contest will be announced early in the new year and prizes awarded immediately afterwards.

Our Photo Contest Categories:

1. **Faces of the Farm:** This is your opportunity to share and celebrate all the life that farmlands host and the players that make it possible. Photos can be of people, animals, insects, and any living creature on the farm. We're hoping to have a library of photos that shows the interactions living things have with the land, equipment, and other people/animals – with a link to our vegetables.
  
2. **Our Family, Our Friends, Our Community:** Farming communities are made up of families and friends working together to feed the world. In this category we are looking for photos depicting the families that are growing our Ontario processing vegetables, the people and friends that come together in support, and the ways in which vegetable farmers are impacting their community. Photos can include on or off the farm work/community involvement.

3. **Something to Admire:** From this photo contest we hope to gather a library of photos showcasing the high quality, fresh, nutritious vegetables coming from the farm, heading for processing. Photos from any and all stages of production, from seed and seedling through to harvest and delivery, are welcome in this category.
4. **Field to Fork:** We want to be able to show and tell the whole story of Ontario processing vegetables. Take us through the process from field to fork for this category. Photos of machinery and their operators, the people on the ground scouting the fields or sorting and packing the vegetables... the possibilities are endless. Get creative with this one!
5. **Best and Worst of Nature (Farm Scenes):** Share with us the beauty of Ontario farms and the everyday reality of working the land. Pictures of your farm, yard, land and fields that depict the good and the bad moments in nature are encouraged.

#### **Prizes**

- \$100 cash prize for first place winners in each category
- \$250 grand prize will be awarded for overall best photo across all categories

#### **Eligibility**

- All entries must be photographs taken in Ontario
- Entrants must own the rights to the photos they submit
- Contest is open to all Canadian residents

#### **Publication**

- Winning photographs, as well as chosen runners-up, will be used for OPVG social media content and other OPVG publications, presentations, communications and initiatives.
- OPVG reserves the non-exclusive right to publish any entry and/or use any entry in promotional and advertising materials. Photos will be credited to the photographer, where possible.

#### **Submissions**

- Entries are to be digital photographs in PNG or JPG format
- File size must be a minimum of 1MB and a maximum of 10 MB
- Cropping of photos is permitted, tonal or colour corrections are acceptable

### **Ineligible**

- Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright and photographs of persons without the necessary consent required by OPVG, are not eligible for this contest.
- The OPVG reserves the right to require entrants to show evidence of the subject's legal consent to be photographed for the submitted photograph, which may include a signed waiver from the subject.
- Photos that contain objectionable or inappropriate content.
- Images that involve putting any individual or animal in danger.
- OPVG shall determine entry eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion.
- Photos for which you've received remuneration are not eligible, for usage reasons.
- Farm Safety is first. Please always consider the safety of you and your subject.

### **To submit your photo**

Send an email to [opvg@opvg.org](mailto:opvg@opvg.org) with 2019 Photo Contest in the subject line. The deadline for submitting photos is December 1, 2019. The following contact information must be included in your email:

- Your name & contact information (phone number, mailing address & email address)
- The category you are submitting the photo for
- A title for the photo
- County or OPVG district where photograph was taken

### **Deadline**

- December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019