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Have Your Say on Northern Agri-Food!

The Ontario government wants **your help** to identify opportunities to grow the **Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food Processing** sector in Northern Ontario. Tell us **your ideas** on how industry and government can work together to drive growth of the sector.

The Growth Plan for Northern Ontario (https://www.placestogrow.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=53&Itemid=65) identified the **Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food Processing** sector as one of eleven priority sectors that can contribute to the diversification and growth of the Northern Ontario economy. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) is developing a strategy for growing the sector and has posted a discussion paper to its website and to Ontario's Environmental Registry.

Your ideas are important to the development of a strategy for the sector. First, read the discussion paper (http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/policy/northernagrifood.htm?utm_source=shortlinks&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=cutk).

Then, share **your ideas** with us in one of several ways listed below. **Comments must be submitted by July 3, 2016.**

- Provide your comments in writing:
 - On-line to Ontario's Environmental Registry (<https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI4NDQ1&statusId=MTk0MjAw&language=en>) (Registry Number 012-7458). Use the 'submit comment' button down the right hand side of the screen.
 - By e-mail to northernagrifood@ontario.ca
 - By delivery to any OMAFRA office (<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/offices/ouroffices.html>) (addressed to the Economic Development Policy Branch, OMAFRA)
 - By mail/courier to: Economic Development Policy Branch
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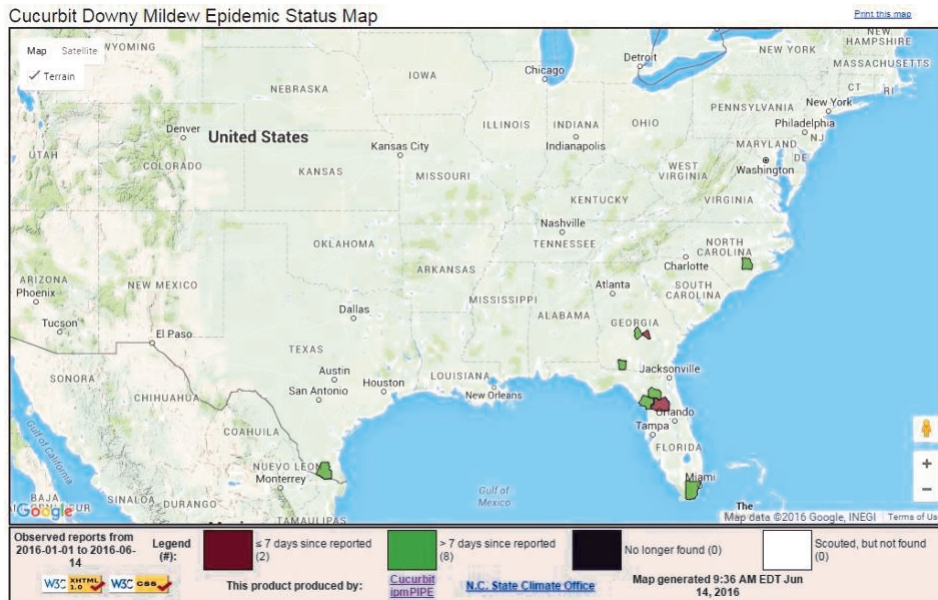
OMAFRA will develop a strategy for the Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food Processing sector based on the ideas generated at meetings and comments submitted to the ministry by July 3, 2016. The strategy, along with other plans and strategies for Northern Ontario, can be expected to drive policies, programs and investments in Northern Ontario over the next 20 years.

In addition, OMAFRA will follow up with willing proponents on promising opportunities to understand how the government can help them move forward with their plans.

If you have any questions, please contact northernagrifood@ontario.ca

CUCUMBER DOWNY MILDEW UPDATE – JUNE 14TH, 2016

Do date there have been no confirmed reports of downy mildew in the Great Lakes region. However, activity does continue in the Southern US. The [ipmPIPE](http://cdm.ipmpipe.org/) (<http://cdm.ipmpipe.org/>) website tracks the epidemic (figure 1) and also forecasts the potential spread of the disease.



Cucurbit Downy Mildew Epidemic Status Map, 2016-06-14

Historically, downy mildew has arrived in this area in late-June to early July. We have found that using an early broad spectrum preventative fungicide program, starting at vine development, will result in better season long control of the disease. This is especially important if weather conditions turn wet and overcast, with storm originating in the Southern US.

For complete details see the 2016 Downy Mildew Control Strategy for Cucumber Crops (https://onvegetables.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/2016-downy-mildew-control-strategy-for-cucumber-crops_final1.pdf).

If you suspect downy mildew in your cucurbit crop, please notify OMAFRA, your agri-business supplier or your grading station. Downy mildew is a community disease and open communication is vital to ensuring a healthy crop.