

# Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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## NEWSLETTER

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### DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

The dates of this year's district annual meetings are as follows:

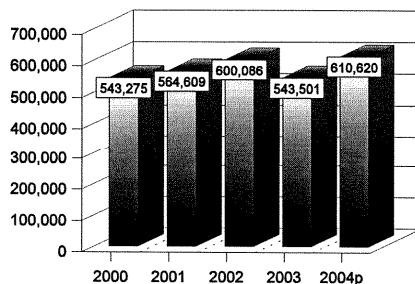
DISTRICT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>DISTRICT 1</b> (Essex, Kent)	<b>Mon., December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Wheels Inn Chatham, ON</b>
<b>DISTRICT 2</b> (Bruce, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth, Hastings, Northumberland, Prince Edward and the Regional Municipality of Durham)	<b>Tues., November 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 Noon (Lunch will be provided)</b>	<b>Four Points Sheraton 1150 Wellington Rd. S. London, ON</b>
<b>DISTRICT 3</b> (Brant, Elgin and the Regional Municipalities of Haldimand-Norfolk and Niagara)	<b>Mon., November 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 pm Supper 7:00 pm Meeting</b>	<b>Simcoe Research Stn. Simcoe, ON</b>

### 2004 PRELIMINARY HARVEST REPORTS

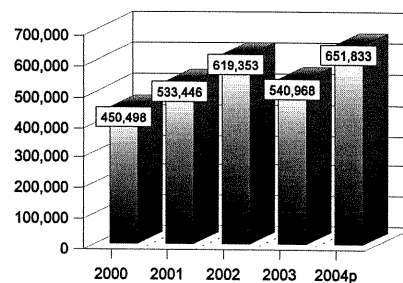
#### TOMATOES

Processors exceeded contract tonnage by nearly 7% processing just over 650,000 tons of tomatoes, the second highest total ever, as ideal harvest conditions prevailed throughout much of the season. Ontario average yield was a record 39.6 tons/acre.

**Total Contracted Tonnage**

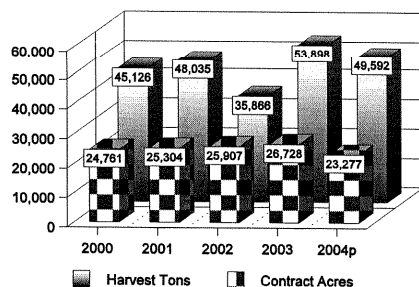


**Total Harvested Tonnage**



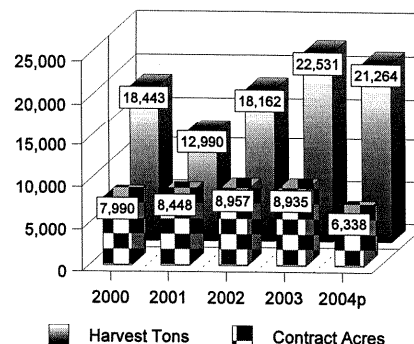
#### GREEN PEAS

Green peas benefitted from this year's moderate temperatures and adequate rainfall. While total tonnage was down from 2003's record, average yield exceeded 2 tons/acre.



#### GREEN AND WAX BEANS

Yields improved in 2004 although total tonnage declined slightly from 2003's record crop.



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**ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE -  
2004 BURSARY AWARDS**

This past year due to the generous participation of industry members at the Ontario Processing Vegetable Industry Conference Auction six \$2,000 bursaries have been awarded to the following students:

**Eric Hogervorst** from Watford, Ontario is a second year student at the University of Guelph studying towards a Bachelor of Science Degree (Agriculture). Eric lives on a vegetable producing farm and has been involved in every aspect of the family farm operation. When he graduates he hopes to be involved in a career in the agriculture and food production industry in Ontario.

**Timothy Lozon** from Grande Pointe, Ontario is in the Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) program at the University of Guelph where he majors in Horticultural Science. Tim has participated in family farm operations since childhood and during the past two years has worked for both AIMS and Cargill AgHorizons. Tim hopes to continue in agricultural based operations in the future.

**Laura Jones** from Dutton, Ontario is a second year student in the Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) program at the University of Guelph. This past summer Laura worked as a Field Technician with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food where she was responsible for scouting vegetable crop fields for pests and diseases and also worked on nitrogen fertigation and irrigation projects. Laura hopes to obtain a job in the processing vegetable industry when she graduates.

**Christopher Rankin** from Dover Centre, Ontario is in his third year of the joint Environmental Management and Agricultural Science program at Ridgetown College. Over the past several years he has worked for AGRICORP in the tomato plant count program and as a tomato grader for Upgrade Consulting. Christopher's career goals are to strive to become a company representative or field agronomist for a vegetable processing company.

**Ryan Schuyler** from Simcoe, Ontario is a second year student in the Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) program at the University of Guelph. Over the past seven years Ryan has worked in both on-farm production and various aspects of the processing sector through his involvement in his family's business operation. His future goals include a managerial role within the family farm operation or a focus on crop science in university, specifically exploring biotechnology and it's possibilities for improving vegetable production.

**Al Sutherland** from Dresden, Ontario is a second year student at the University of Guelph in the Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) program. Al has gained experience in both the farm and processing areas having worked at both Heinz and Thomas Canning. He hopes to obtain a job that will further his knowledge and experience in the processing vegetable industry.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*Ontario Processing Vegetable Industry Conference*  
**January 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
**Hilton Hotel, London, Ontario**

*The Conference Committee is quite enthusiastic about the excellent line-up of speakers for the next industry conference. Please mark your calendar and watch for further details in upcoming newsletters.*