

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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Dave Epp, Rick De Brabandere and John Lugtigheid form the Executive Committee for 2001.

2001 OFPA EXECUTIVE

The Ontario Food Processors Association have announced their Executive for 2001.

PRESIDENT	John Omstead, Family Tradition Foods Inc.
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Bill Thomas, Thomas Canning (Maidstone) Ltd.
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Rob Anderson, Strathroy Foods Ltd.
TREASURER	Larry Inglis, Nabisco Ltd.
IMMEDIATE PAST	Don Epp, Campbell Soup Company Ltd.

PESTICIDE REGISTRATIONS

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency has approved the following pesticide registrations:

- **Poast Ultra**, registered for use on field peppers.
- **Assure II**, registered for use on snap beans.
- **Reflex**, registered for use on lima beans.

25TH ANNUAL PROCESSING TOMATO DAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2001
ROMA CLUB, LEAMINGTON
(8:30 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.)

ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

The 7th joint conference of the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and the Ontario Food Processors Association was held January 23rd - 25th at the Hilton Hotel in London. We welcome this opportunity to extend our appreciation for the support shown by the Ontario Food Processors Association and the following organizations who participated to help make this conference a success:

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| ◆ A & L Canada Lab Inc. | ◆ Crown Cork & Seal Canada | ◆ NoramPac Inc. |
| ◆ ADM-Seedwest | ◆ DiverseyLever Canada | ◆ Norseco |
| ◆ AgriCorp | ◆ Eckert Machines Inc. | ◆ Omstead Foods |
| ◆ Agricultural Commodity Corp. | ◆ Engage-Agro Corporation | ◆ Ont. Tomato Seedling Growers |
| ◆ Agro Spray Ltd. | ◆ Family Tradition Foods Inc. | ◆ PolyCello |
| ◆ Alliance Shippers Inc. | ◆ Farm Credit Corporation | ◆ Reinhart Foods |
| ◆ Asgrow Seed Co. | ◆ Freedom 55 Financial, Division | ◆ Rupp Seeds |
| ◆ Aventis Cropscience | of London Life | ◆ Settington's Fertilizer |
| ◆ Beju/Seedway | ◆ Griffin LLC | ◆ Smurfit-MBI |
| ◆ Bick's, Division of Multifoods | ◆ Gulliver Insurance Brokers Ltd. | ◆ Stokes Seeds |
| ◆ Brotherton Seed Co. | ◆ Harris Moran Seed Company | ◆ Stratford Farm Equipment |
| ◆ Byron Enterprises/OXBO | ◆ H.J. Heinz Company of Canada | ◆ Strathroy Foods Limited |
| International | ◆ HeinzSeed Division | ◆ Strub Brothers Ltd. |
| ◆ Campbell Soup Company Ltd. | ◆ Hensall District Co-op. Inc. | ◆ Syngenta Crop Protection |
| ◆ Canadian Imperial Bank of | ◆ Huron Tractor | Canada Inc. |
| Commerce | ◆ Mail-Well Label | ◆ Syngenta Seeds, Inc./Rogers |
| ◆ Canadian Salt Co. | ◆ McDonnell Harvester and Parts | Brand |
| ◆ Chisholm Machinery Sales | ◆ Miller & Smith Foods Inc. | ◆ Tate Industrial Sales |
| Ltd. | ◆ Monelco Electric | ◆ TD Bank Financial Group |
| ◆ Cobi Foods Inc. | ◆ Montrose International Group | ◆ Venture Label |
| ◆ Coral Energy | ◆ Mosur Machine Co. Ltd. | |
| ◆ Crites Moscow Growers | ◆ N.M. Barlett Inc. | |
| ◆ Crookham Company | ◆ Nabisco Ltd. | |

ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE - CONTINUED

From all reports those who attended the first industry auction thought the event was most successful and worthwhile. Further reports on auction proceeds and the trust fund for agriculture and agri-food related education will be provided in an upcoming newsletter. To all those who were supportive of this event through contribution of an auction item donation, we extend a special acknowledgment.

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| ◆ AgriCorp | ◆ Family Tradition Foods Inc. | ◆ Ontario Weather Network |
| ◆ American Express Travel/Sue Clift, Travel Consultant | ◆ Four Points Hotel Sheraton | ◆ Quality Suites |
| ◆ Bick's. Division of Multifoods Inc. | ◆ Griffin LLC | ◆ Settingington's Fertilizer |
| ◆ Bradley Place | ◆ Gulliver Insurance Brokers Ltd. | ◆ Smurfit - MBI |
| ◆ Campbell Soup Company Ltd. | ◆ H.J. Heinz Company of Canada | ◆ Spencer Hall |
| ◆ Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | ◆ H.J. Heinz - Food Service Dept. | ◆ Strathroy Foods Ltd. |
| ◆ Cobi Foods Inc. | ◆ Hill'n Dale Bed & Breakfast | ◆ Sun-Brite Canning Limited |
| ◆ Country View Golf Course | ◆ Hilton Hotel | ◆ Syngenta Seeds, Inc./Rogers Brand |
| ◆ Crites Moscow Growers | ◆ The Keg | ◆ TD Bank Financial Group |
| ◆ DiverseyLever Canada | ◆ Lassonde Juices Inc. | ◆ Wheels Inn |
| | ◆ Nabisco Ltd. | ◆ Whitson Farms |
| | ◆ NoramPac Inc. | ◆ Wilson, Spurr LLP |
| | ◆ Omstead Foods Ltd. | |

ONTARIO WEATHER NETWORK (OWN) NEWS

As growers are already aware, the Ontario Weather Network (OWN) will be providing Tom-Cast information to interested growers on a fee-for-service basis in 2001. We recently received the following from OWN:

OWN, based at Ridgeway College, is looking forward to providing Tom-Cast and other agricultural models to producers during the 2001 season. This year Tom-Cast will provide site specific DSV estimates to subscribing growers. Many thanks to the growers who have already contacted us. From these early requests we know we will have to improve coverage in the Wallaceburg area. Customer density will help us establish station locations. OWN will be adding some station locations in Essex County as well. This process should be finalized by the end of February. We encourage all growers interested in Tom-Cast to contact us as soon as possible. Please call us at 519 - 674 - 1532 if you have any questions about the Tom-Cast program.

2001 PREMIUM CROP INSURANCE RATES FOR PROCESSING CROPS

CROP	CLAIM PRICE	COVERAGE OPTIONS	CUSTOMER PREMIUM (\$/ACRE)	
			2000	2001
Butternut Squash	Negotiated by OPVG	80%	\$9.45	\$10.60
		75%	\$8.05	\$9.05
		70%	\$6.80	\$7.60
Carrots	\$61/ton	80%	\$63.00	\$67.50
		75%	\$54.35	\$58.20
		70%	\$46.85	\$50.20
		65%	\$39.55	\$43.30
Cucumbers	Dollar value crop	85%	\$29.85	\$27.45
		80%	\$23.80	\$21.90
		75%	\$19.20	\$17.65
		70%	\$16.70	\$15.35
Green & Wax Beans	\$225/ton	80%	\$20.20	\$14.70
Green Peas	Dollar value crop	80%	\$18.60	\$17.70
Lima Beans	\$461/ton	80%	\$28.05	\$33.00
Red Beets	Dollar value crop	80%	\$22.70	\$28.20
		75%	\$19.35	\$24.05
		70%	\$16.10	\$20.00
Sweet Corn	\$72/ton	90%	\$13.95	\$15.42
		85%	\$11.45	\$12.71
		80%	\$9.45	\$10.51

Final figures for other crops are expected shortly. The board has requested that AgriCorp review separate harvest coverage levels for green peas, green & wax beans and sweet corn. These will be published when finalized.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you need to report damage, please call AgriCorp's Customer Action Centre, toll free, 1-888-AGRI-999 (1-888-247-4999). You can give them a call between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. (Extended hours from April through October are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.).