

# Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **PROCESSING VEGETABLE PRICES UP SHARPLY IN MIDWEST**

Rising corn and soybean prices are having an impact on U.S. processors and the prices they are willing to pay to source green peas, snap beans and sweet corn in 2007. Thus far, price increases in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois are in the 15% range for peas and beans and 20% + for sweet corn.

With prices in Ontario in 2006 being the lowest since 1996, this upswing in other areas provides a welcome opportunity for growers here to address ever rising costs yet continue to provide Ontario processors with competitively priced raw product.

### **2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Bruce Shackleton, Jim Reith and Rick De Brabandere form the Executive Committee for 2007.

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**2007 OFPA EXECUTIVE**

The Ontario Food Processors Association have announced that there are no changes to their Executive for 2007.

PRESIDENT:	Scott Makey, H.J.Heinz Company of Canada Ltd.
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:	Roger Sterling, Omstead Foods Ltd.
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:	Dave Hoyles, CanGro Foods, Inc.
TREASURER:	Don Epp, Campbell Company of Canada
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:	Rob Anderson, Carriere Foods (Ontario) Ltd.

**ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE**

The 13<sup>th</sup> joint annual conference of the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and the Ontario Food Processors Association was held January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Hotel and Convention Centre in London. We welcome this opportunity to give special recognition to the following *Gold Sponsor who contributed \$3,500 towards the conference:*



and to the following *Bronze Sponsors who contributed \$1,500 each.*



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**ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE - SPONSORS CONTINUED**

We would also extend our appreciation to the following additional sponsors who helped make our conference a successful event.

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| ❖ Farm Credit Canada              |   | ❖ Wheels Inn                                  |
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**BURSARY RECIPIENTS**

There were five bursary winners in 2006 who have each received \$2,000 as a result of proceeds from the auction. Our thanks once again to all our sponsors who have continued to make this event a success. Congratulations to the 2006 recipients: Lauren DiMenna, Will Heeman, Brett Schuyler, Chris Stasko and Adam Wiper.

**DISTRICT 1 PROCESSING TOMATO DAY**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2007**

**Roma Club, Leamington**

**AGENDA**

- 8:30 a.m.           REGISTRATION (at the door) ~ \$25.00/person, includes lunch ~
- 9:00 a.m.           *Zeroing in on Weed Escapes and Herbicide Tolerance*  
DR. DARREN ROBINSON, Ridgetown Campus, University of Guelph
- 9:30 a.m.           *Tomato Pest and Disease Update 2007*  
RON PITBLADO, Ridgetown Campus, University of Guelph
- 10:00 a.m.          *Spray Application Technology - What's New? What Works?*  
HELMUT SPIESER, OMAFRA, Ridgetown
- 10:30 a.m.          *Nitrogen and Tomatoes - What we have learned that you can use!*  
DONNA SPERANZINI & JANICE LEBOEUF, OMAFRA
- 11:00 a.m.          *Occupational Health and Safety*  
RON JONES, Farm Safety Association

**LUNCH AND VISIT TRADE SHOW**

- 1:00 p.m.           *Soil Compaction - ruts, tires and more!*  
NEIL MCLAUGHLIN, AAFC, Ottawa
- 2:00 p.m.           *Environmental Farm Plan - got yours yet?*  
RON FAUBERT, OSCIA - Kent
- 2:15 p.m.           *Weather Innovations Update*  
IAN NICHOLS, Weather Innovations Inc.
- 2:30 p.m.           ~ *Adjourn* ~

**\* CCA Continuing Education Credits have been applied for.**