

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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OCTOBER GREEN PEA ARBITRATION

Subsequent to this years pea harvest the board and Carriere Foods (Ontario) Inc. disagreed over the interpretation of Clause 13(b) of the 2006 Green Pea Agreement. All processing vegetable agreements contain a clause providing for arbitration as a means of resolving disputes arising from the implementation of those agreements. Accordingly the matter was referred to arbitration.

At arbitration, the board position, that clause 13(b) of the green pea agreement did not act like a quota clause, was successful. While the sweet corn and green and wax bean agreements do contain quota clauses, the green pea agreement does not. The arbitrator also commented on the processor argument that growers had signed agreements supporting the processor position by stating that... "Individual growers cannot agree to forego those minimum rights unless the agreement itself indicates that they can."

The message in all of this is worth repeating; if you have a question regarding the terms of the Agreement, contact your area director or the board office.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
DISTRICT 1 (Essex, Kent)	<u>Wed., November 29th</u>	1:30 pm	Wheels Inn Chatham, ON
DISTRICT 2 (Bruce, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth, Hastings, Northumberland, Prince Edward and the Regional Municipality of Durham)	<u>Tues., November 28th</u>	<u>NEW TIME</u> 6:30 pm - Supper 7:00 pm - Meeting	<u>NEW LOCATION</u> Bryanston Fire Hall Bryanston, ON
DISTRICT 3 (Brant, Elgin and the Regional Municipalities of Haldimand-Norfolk and Niagara)	<u>Mon., November 27th</u>	6:00 pm - Supper 7:00 pm - Meeting	Simcoe Research Stn. Simcoe, ON

DISTRICT REPRESENTATION

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NO. OF GROWERS</u>		<u>REPRESENTATION*</u>	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006P</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006P</u>
1 (Essex, Kent)	326	315	17	16
2 (Bruce, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth, Hastings, Northumberland, Prince Edward and the Regional Municipality of Durham)	217	189	11	10
3 (Brant, Elgin and the Regional Municipalities of Haldimand-Norfolk and Niagara)	<u>203</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTALS	<u>746</u>	<u>706</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>37</u>

Ontario Processing Vegetable Industry Conference

January 23rd - 24th, 2007

Hilton Hotel and London Convention Centre, London, ON

Following are highlights of just a few of the speakers at this years Conference.

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2006 - 1:15 p.m.

Carl Hiebert, Author, Photographer, Aviator and Motivational Speaker



In 1981 Carl Hiebert's life direction took a drastic turn when he broke his back in a fluke hang-gliding accident.

Within two years he opened his own flight school, and became Canada's first paraplegic flight instructor. In 1986, Carl fulfilled an ambitious dream when he became the first person to fly across

Canada in an open-cockpit ultralight aircraft.

The Canadian Press named Carl one of Canada's top adventurers, along with such people as astronaut Roberta Bondar. His photographs have appeared in national magazines in both Canada and the U.S.

Wednesday, January 24th - 7:30 a.m.

Michael L. Levy, Executive Vice President and Financial Analyst, Custom House Global Foreign Exchange



Michael is joining us again this year to discuss today's fluctuating foreign currency environment with a focus on the following:

- *What is the impact of the changing Canadian dollar on the tech sector and the business climate in Canada?*
- *How do Canadian companies respond to changes in the volatile currency and interest rate markets?*
- *How do the European and Asian markets impact Canada in today's changing economic environment?*

Wednesday, January 24th - a.m.

Dr. Gregory Curnew, MD., Cardiologist, McMaster University, Hamilton General Site

Dr. Greg Curnew was raised and educated in Montreal, graduated from McGill University in 1984, and trained in Internal Medicine and cardiology at Danbury Hospital, a Yale affiliate in Danbury, Connecticut.



Currently, he serves on several editorial boards of medically related publications including Parkhurst Exchange, Atherosclerosis in Primary Care and Perspectives in Cardiology, to which he is a contributor. He is the founder of the "LIFE" Project (Lifestyle Intervention For Ever) which is a monthly group support meeting, advocating healthy meals and recipes, exercise, discussions, slides and seminars to educate and inform adults about healthy lifestyle changes and current health issues.

Dr Curnew's interests include, research in risk factor modification in people with established heart disease, as well as comparison studies among cholesterol lowering medications. In the last few years, he has devoted significant effort into lifestyle and dietary strategies to improve health.

Wednesday, January 24th - a.m.

Dr. Jayson Myers, Senior V.P. and Chief Economist, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters



Jayson Myers is the Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME) and is in charge of CME's national policy office in Ottawa.

Dr. Myers is a director on the Board of Materials and Manufacturing Ontario and the Canadian European Roundtable for Business. He sits on special advisory councils to the Minister for International Trade, the Minister of Industry, and the Bank of Canada. Dr. Myers chairs the Business Coalition on Cost Recovery and the Canadian Services Coalition. He is also a regional director of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council and a Project Leader of CME's *Manufacturing 20/20* initiative, a cross-country discussion about the future of manufacturing in Canada.

Wednesday, January 24th - a.m.

Hans Schreier, Professor, Institute for Resources and Environment, UBC



2004 Science in Action Award: The United Nations International Year of Fresh Water, Science, Education and Conservation Award. For outstanding work in making watershed management knowledge and innovative, cost-effective applications possible in Canada and

in Developing Countries abroad. Canadian UN Initiative Sec: www.wonderofwater.ca

Wednesday, January 24th - a.m.

Steven Little, Regional Operations Manager - Eastern Canada, Omstead Foods Ltd.



Steven is a Manufacturing Professional with 20 years of manufacturing experience. Real and practical application of the concept of "Cost of Quality" in companies working towards world class manufacturing. Steve will detail the successful tools employed in both Physical Process and

Employee Involvement through the use of Lean tools and World Class concepts. The journey to "Getting it done right the first time" and "Reducing the cost borne" by sustaining Quality at the Source will be shared by Steve.