

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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SWEET CORN NEGOTIATIONS

Sweet corn negotiations concluded Friday, February 22nd with the parties unable to reach agreement on a number of key issues. Details of the respective positions are as set out below:

2001	2002 Grower Offer	2002 Processor Offer
Price: \$70.00/ton	Price: \$71.50/ton	Price: \$71.25/ton less trucking as per the following schedule: 50-75 miles \$0.50/ton 75-100 miles . . . \$1.00/ton 100+ miles \$1.50/ton.
Export Credit: \$9.50/ton	Export Credit: \$8.00/ton, declining a further \$1.00/ton each year until getting to zero in 2010.	Export Credit: \$8.00/ton

OPVG - MINOR USE PESTICIDE REGISTRATION SUPPORT - CRAIG HUNTER

Recognizing the work that Craig Hunter does on behalf of the horticultural industry in this area, the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers has agreed to contribute \$10,000 to the Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association to assist in covering expenses related to this position. Up until now, Craig has been funded by the Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association and the Canadian Horticultural Council. Craig will continue to work out of the Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association offices in Guelph. This funding also recognizes the overlap that occurs from time to time between fresh market and processing pesticide use. We look forward to a productive year in the area of minor use pesticide registration.