

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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2003 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Rick De Brabandere, Jim Whitson and Dave Epp form the Executive Committee for 2003.

2003 OFPA EXECUTIVE

The Ontario Food Processors Association have announced their Executive for 2003.

PRESIDENT:	Bill Thomas, Thomas Canning (Maidstone) Ltd.
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:	Rob Anderson, Strathroy Foods Ltd.
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:	Scott Makey, H.J. Heinz
TREASURER:	Don Epp, Campbell Soup Company
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:	John Omstead, Family Tradition Foods Inc.

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CUCUMBER AGREEMENT

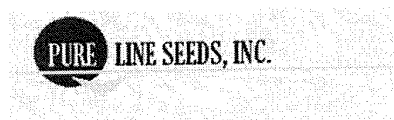
Agreement has been reached in first round cucumber negotiations with Bick's, Division of Multifoods and Strub Brothers Ltd. The price increased 1.25% across all grade sizes. The seed price remains the same as in 2002.

<u>Grade Sizes</u>	BICKS		STRUB BROTHERS	
	Price Per Ton (f.o.b. factory)		Price Per Ton (f.o.b. factory)	
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
No. 1 Up to 1 1/16"	\$758.64	\$768.12	\$620.95	\$628.71
No. 2 1 1/16" to 1 1/2"	\$271.92	\$275.32	\$328.73	\$332.84
No. 3 1 1/2" to 2"	\$187.07	\$189.41	\$176.54	\$178.75
No. 4 2" to 2 1/8"	\$54.38	\$55.06	\$54.32	\$55.00

The processors have also agreed to a \$0.50/net ton checkoff for research to be matched by the board.

ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

The 9th joint annual conference of the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and the Ontario Food Processors Association was held January 28th - 30th at the Hilton Hotel in London. We welcome this opportunity to give special recognition to the following *Gold Sponsors who each contributed \$3,500 towards the conference:*



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



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

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- ❖ ACC
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- ❖ AgriCorp
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- ❖ Bejo/SeedWay
- ❖ Better With Beans Group (W.G. Thompson/Heinz)
- ❖ Bick's Pickles, Dunnville
- ❖ Brotherton Seed Co.
- ❖ Campbell Soup Company Ltd.
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- ❖ Cobi Foods Inc.
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- ❖ Family Tradition Foods
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- ❖ FMC Food Tech
- ❖ Four Points Sheraton Hotel, London

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- ❖ Gemini Food Group
- ❖ Gulliver Insurance
- ❖ Halltech Precision Farming
- ❖ Harris Moran Seed Company
- ❖ Heinz Canada
- ❖ Heinz Canada - Food Service
- ❖ Heinz Seed Division
- ❖ Hensall District Co-op. Inc.
- ❖ Hill'n Dale
- ❖ Hilton Hotel, London
- ❖ Huron Tractor
- ❖ JayEff Partners
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- ❖ Keg Restaurants Ltd.
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- ❖ McDonnall Harvester and Parts
- ❖ Miller & Smith Foods Inc.
- ❖ Montrose International Group
- ❖ Mosur Machine Co. Ltd.
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- ❖ Nufarm Agriculture Inc.
- ❖ Norseco
- ❖ Omstead Foods Ltd.
- ❖ Ontario Tomato Seedling Growers
- ❖ Pureline Seeds Inc.
- ❖ Quality Suites London, London
- ❖ Reinhart Foods
- ❖ Renaissance Mark
- ❖ Rupp Seeds
- ❖ Seacliffe Inn
- ❖ Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc.
- ❖ Settingington's Fertilizer
- ❖ Smurfit - MBI
- ❖ Stokes Seeds
- ❖ Strathroy Foods Ltd.
- ❖ Strub Brothers
- ❖ Sun-Brite Canning Ltd.
- ❖ Syngenta Crop Protection
- ❖ Syngenta Seeds/Rogers Brand
- ❖ Upgrade Consulting Ltd.
- ❖ Vanden Bussche Irrigation
- ❖ Vincent Farm Equipment
- ❖ Whitson Farms
- ❖ Wilson, Spurr LLP

2003 PREMIUM CROP INSURANCE RATES FOR PROCESSING CROPS

Crop	Claim Price	Coverage Options	Customer Premium (\$/acre)	
			2002	2003
Green Peas	Dollar value crop (seed in)	80% 73.5% (SHC) ²	\$17.50 ¹	\$18.71 ¹
Sweet Corn	Industry negotiated	85% 79% (SHC)	\$12.30 ¹	\$15.12 ¹
		80% 74% (SHC)	\$ 10.05 ¹	\$12.42 ¹
Green & Wax Beans	Industry Negotiated	80% 76% (SHC) ¹	\$16.15	\$20.00
Cucumbers	Dollar Value Crop	85%	\$32.65	\$29.90
		80%	\$26.10	\$23.90
		75%	\$21.05	\$19.25
		70%	\$18.25	\$16.70
Tomatoes	\$88.50/ton	90%	\$56.90	<i>To Be Determined</i>
Peppers	\$210/ton	80%	\$138.40	\$105.23
		75%	\$120.15	\$121.96
		70%	\$103.65	\$105.23

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Crop	Claim Price	Coverage Options	Customer Premium (\$/acre)		
			2002	2003	
Peppers	\$260/ton	80%	\$171.35	\$173.94	
		75%	\$148.75	\$151.00	
		70%	\$128.35	\$130.28	
	\$300/ton	80%	\$197.70	\$200.70	
		75%	\$171.60	\$174.23	
		70%	\$148.05	\$150.32	
	Reseed Benefit		\$1,010.00 /acre max.	\$1,100.00 /acre max.	
	Carrots	\$61/ton	80%	\$67.35	\$63.60
			75%	\$58.10	\$54.85
70%			\$50.10	\$47.30	
65%			\$43.25	\$40.85	
Reseed Benefit			\$650.00 /acre max.	\$650.00 /acre max.	
Butternut Squash	Industry Negotiated	80%	\$9.45	\$14.85	
		75%	\$8.05	\$12.70	
		70%	\$6.80	\$10.65	
	Reseed Benefit		\$228.00 /acre max.	\$228.00 /acre max.	
Lima Beans	Industry Negotiated	80%	\$31.45	\$33.75	
Red Beets	Dollar Value Crop	80%	\$31.30	\$32.70	
		75%	\$26.70	\$27.85	

¹ This premium does not include the seed cost benefit. Premium for the Seed Cost benefit is \$2.59/acre for green peas, and \$0.28/acre for processing sweet corn.

² SHC separate harvest coverage option.

Questions?: 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 call between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.