

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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NEGOTIATION UPDATE

GREEN & WAX BEANS

Negotiations ended with arbitration. The final offers of both parties are listed below:

		2001	2002	
			GROWER F.O.	PROCESSOR F.O.
Whole Beans	the first 2.0 tons/acre	\$210.00	\$214.20	\$210.00
	all tons between 2.0 & 3.0 tons/acre	\$170.00	\$173.40	\$170.00
	each ton over 3.0 tons/acre	\$110.00	\$112.20	\$110.00
Cut Beans	the first 2.5 tons/acre	\$153.45	\$156.52	\$153.45
	all tons between 2.5 & 4.0 tons/acre	\$113.85	\$116.13	\$113.85
	each ton over 4.0 tons/acre	\$89.10	\$90.88	\$89.10

SWEET CORN

Prior to the scheduled arbitration, agreement was reached on sweet corn as follows:

	2001	2002
Price	\$70.00/ton	\$71.25/ton
Export Credit	\$9.50/ton	\$7.50/ton

There were no other contract changes.

SQUASH

Agreement was reached on squash at \$1.00 per ton increase over last year's price at \$95.50 per ton.

	2001	2002
Bulk Price/Ton	\$94.50	\$95.50
Seed Price/Pound	\$68.00	\$68.00

LIMA BEANS

Agreement was reached on lima beans at a price of \$474.00 per ton compared to \$465.00 per ton in 2001.

ELMER MCFaul (June 1, 1927 - March 20, 2002): Our sympathies to the entire McFaul family at the recent loss of Elmer McFaul as a result of a tragic accident. Elmer, owner of Town Line Farms, Ontario's largest processing vegetable grower was an institution in the processing vegetable business in Ontario. Innovative and progressive, in 1983 he constructed his own vegetable processing plant "Town Line Processing Ltd." following the closure of a number of plants in the Prince Edward County region. The McFaul history is the evolution of the vegetable industry and the modernization of agriculture in the Quinte area. Using diversification and adaptability, what began as a family farm developed into a leading edge food corporation. Elmer will be missed.

2002 OTRI APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS	RESEARCHER	AMOUNT
Nitrogen and Row Spacing Management for Processing Tomatoes	J. Warner	\$ 7,500
Weed Control and Crop Tolerance Evaluations in Processing Tomatoes	D. Robinson/ A. Hamill	\$ 18,000
Effectiveness of the Current Seed Treatments and the Evaluation of a Novel Seed Treatment Protocol to Control Seed Borne Bacterial Diseases in Field Tomatoes	R. Pitblado	\$ 6,000
Effectiveness of Actigard plus Paclobutrazol in Inducing Disease Resistance Against Tomato Bacterial Spot and Speck	R. Pitblado	\$ 5,000
The Establishment of a Diagnostic Laboratory Using Pcr Technology at Ridgetown College	R. Pitblado	\$ 10,000
Pest Management Strategies in Processing Tomatoes	R. Pitblado	\$ 7,000
The Development of a Rapid Pcr-based Method for Quantifying Bacterial Disease on Tomato and Pepper Seed and Plug Seedlings	D. Cuppels	\$ 8,500
Farm-scale Processing Tomato Production Using Surface and Subsurface Drip Irrigation and Fertigation	C. Tan	\$ 16,000
Role of Tomatoes and Dietary Lycopene in the Prevention of Osteoporosis	A. Rao/L.Rao	\$ 6,000

2002 OPVG APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS	RESEARCHER	AMOUNT
Development of Alternative Irrigation Practices to improve water use-efficiency, nutrient use-efficiency and water quality for the production of processing cucumbers on coarse-textured soils	B. Ball Coelho/ R. Beyaert/ R. Roy	\$ 12,650
Processing Vegetable Cultivar Evaluation	J. Warner	\$ 8,000
The Development of Pest Management Strategies for Insects and Diseases in Processing Vegetables ¹	R. Pitblado	\$ 4,025
Processing Cauliflower Cultivar Evaluations ¹	A. McKeown	\$ 2,875
Processing Cucumber Variety Evaluation and Machine Harvest Studies ¹	J. O'Sullivan/ J. Zandstra	\$ 7,000
Weed Management Studies in Processing Vegetables	J. O'Sullivan	\$ 7,000
Development of a Pre-Sidedress Soil Nitrogen Test for Processing Sweet Corn to Maximize Marketable Yield and Reduce Input Costs	T. Zhang	\$ 14,000
Bacterial spot resistant pepper cultivar evaluation ¹	J. Zandstra	\$ 1,300
Weed Control Evaluations in Processing Vegetable Crops	D. Robinson	\$ 24,000
NYS Processing Snap Bean and Sweet Corn Variety Evaluations ²	J. Ballerstein	\$ 4,710
Use of Weather Radar and Satellite Cloud Cover Data to Estimate Leaf Wetness Duration and Rainfall Amounts for Crop Disease and Water Management	T. Gillespie	\$ 2,000

¹ Matching funding provided by Ontario Food Processors Association.

² \$3,000 U.S. converted to approximate Canadian amount.