

# Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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## NEWSLETTER

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### 2004 GREENSHIPPERS

#### **2040630 Ontario Inc. (Vic Hamm)**

Vic Hamm recently made application to the board for a 2004 greenshipper licence. After two meetings, held over a period of three weeks, Mr. Hamm has been unable to provide to the board satisfactory evidence of an ability to pay for his proposed cucumber purchases. The board had indicated that a letter of credit in an amount satisfactory to cover proposed purchases, would have been acceptable. As a result, the board has advised Mr. Hamm that it is **not** prepared to grant him a 2004 greenshippers licence.

In light of the board's decision, it is **illegal** for Mr. Hamm and/or 2040630 Ontario Inc. to contract cucumbers and conduct any activities associated with greenshipping. Similarly, it is **illegal** for growers to contract with and/or deliver to anyone other than a licenced processor or licenced greenshipper.

Should any growers have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the board office or your local director.

### OPVG/HEALTHY FUTURES DRIP IRRIGATION - PROGRAM COMPLETE

The board's Healthy Futures Drip Irrigation project is now complete. The final report has been issued and the 10% holdback will be forwarded to growers shortly.

In total, 25 growers in Essex, 15 in Kent and 4 in Haldimand-Norfolk completed projects that resulted in grant funding of \$1,283,732. Individual projects ranged in size from approximately \$10,000 to over \$100,000 and covered tomato, pepper, cucumber, cauliflower and sweet corn crops. Approved projects were eligible for funding up to a maximum of \$40,000 per grower. The vast majority of projects were for tomatoes, where the potential for economies of scale and financial returns are greatest. Total documented spending by growers was just under \$3 million.

The board also undertook a number of research initiatives with the assistance of funds made available through the project. These included applied research at AAFC - Harrow and Delhi and University of Guelph, Ridgetown College. The board also organized a Drip Irrigation Tour and Drip Irrigation School. These events served to heighten the awareness of drip irrigation across the processing vegetable industry.

The board wishes to express its thanks to Healthy Futures for their financial support of the project. The processing vegetable industry has benefitted greatly as a result.

### IPM TRAINING DATES

Attached is a list of upcoming IPM training dates for various commodities.

These courses are free.

The Onion, Carrot, Lettuce and Celery IPM Training will be in Conference Room 3, 1st Floor, 1 Stone Rd. Guelph, on May 3rd, 2004 from 8:30 am - 4 pm.

The Cole Crop IPM Training will be in Conference Room 3 1st floor, 1 Stone Rd. Guelph, on May 4th, 2004 from 8:30 am - 4 pm.

Please contact the Agriculture Information Contact Center (AICC) to register: 1-877-424-1300.

**2003 & 2004 CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL INCOME STABILIZATION (CAIS) PROGRAM**

The CAIS directs government funds to producers by combining stabilization assistance (formerly NISA) and disaster assistance (formerly the Ontario Farm Income Disaster Program) into one program.

Detailed information on how to apply to CAIS was sent to Ontario Farmers in February. If you have not received this information, which includes your 2003 and 2004 CAIS Deposit Options Notice (DON), please contact the CAIS program toll free at 1-877-838-5144.

The deadline to apply has been extended to June 30, 2004.

Internet: [www.omaf.gov.on.ca](http://www.omaf.gov.on.ca)

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**2004 GREEN AND WAX BEAN SETTLEMENT**

Agreement was reached on green and wax beans with Family Tradition Foods Inc. and Strathroy Foods Limited. Prices are outlined below:

	2003		2004	
<b>Whole Beans</b> the first 2.0 tons/acre	\$195.00		\$192.08	
all tons between 2.0 & 3.0 tons/acre	\$156.00		\$153.66	
each ton over 3.0 tons/acre	\$102.00		\$100.47	
	<b>Whole</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Whole</b>	<b>Cut</b>
<b>Other Varieties</b> the first 2.5 tons/acre	\$168.00	\$150.00	\$165.48	\$147.45
all tons between 2.5 & 4.0 tons/acre	\$123.00	\$108.00	\$121.16	\$106.16
each ton over 4.0 tons/acre	\$100.00	\$84.00	\$98.50	\$82.57

**EMERGENCY REGISTRATION OF COMMAND 360 ME**

Emergency registration of Command 360 ME for the pre-emergence control of broadleaved weeds in field cucumbers in Ontario has received approval for use for the period beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 and ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Growers are advised to review application procedures prior to use.

**2004 USDA CONTRACT INTENTIONS**

CROP	Acres		2004 CONTRACT AS A % OF 2003
	2003	2004	
Snap Beans	TOTAL CONTRACT 198,300	CONTRACT INTENTIONS 190,900	96%
Sweet Corn	444,800	435,800	98%
Cucumbers for Pickles	84,700	100,000	118%
Green Peas	244,800	230,500	94%
Tomatoes	306,730	309,400	101%

Source: Agricultural Statistics Board, NASS, USDA