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SWEET CORN ARBITRATION

The arbitration for sweet corn was held April 10th. The decision of the arbitrator, Mr. Paul Jacobs, was in favour of the processors. The price for sweet corn will be as follows.

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Price Per Ton f.o.b. Field	\$71.25	\$73.50
Export Credit Per Ton	\$7.50	\$6.50

EVES GOVERNMENT INVESTS IN NIAGARA'S AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRIES

On April 10, the Ernie Eves government announced an investment of \$1,466,870 in REPATRIATE a rural economic project acting to replace imports and train employees which will enable Ontario plants to expand the production of canned spaghetti sauce and the manufacture of corn starch by significant volumes. The project will create a market for an additional 8-million pounds of Ontario-produced tomato paste and it will strengthen the role of the food processing sector as a key employer in rural communities.

Project partners ConAgra Grocery Products Limited and Nacan Products Limited will fund the balance of this \$3,210,852 project.

The five year, \$200-million Rural Economic Development (RED) program is a component of the Ontario Small Town and Rural (OSTAR) Development Initiative - a two-part, \$600-million initiative launched in 2000 to assist rural Ontario. To date, the province has invested more than \$74 million in 82 approved OSTAR-RED projects, generating total investments of more than \$427 million.

The RED program removes barriers to economic growth in rural Ontario by promoting a diversified business climate, exploring new products and new markets, creating long-term job growth, and investing in technologies and sectors that contribute to economic development in rural Ontario.

(Source: Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing)

2003 PROCESSING TOMATO REPLANT BENEFIT

The AGRICORP Board recently approved the addition of a replant benefit for the processing tomato crop insurance plan. This benefit provides coverage for the replant of contracted processing tomatoes in excess of 8% over the original order on Form 3, as provided by the industry. The benefit is paid on a per acre basis. It is based on cost of replants over 8% of the grower's original plant order, as follows: \$25.23 for Open Pollinated and \$29.40 for Hybrid.

In order to open a claim for the replant benefit, the following must be completed:

- Report damage immediately to the AGRICORP Customer Action Centre in Guelph at: **1-888-247-4999**
- An insured peril must be identified by an AGRICORP adjuster in order to qualify for a claim
- Form 5 must accompany a signed letter from the processor authorizing the replant
- Damage must exceed 8% of the original order on Form 3
- The replanting deadline is the same as the planting deadline June 20th.

2003 Processing Tomato Premium Rates:

Full base premium rate- \$126.00/acre

Customer base premium rate - \$63.00/acre

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EXTENSION OF THE CUCUMBER PLANTING DEADLINE FOR 2003

The processing cucumber crop insurance planting deadline has been extended from July 10 to July 15 for crop year 2003. In order to plant past July 10, the following provisions have been put into place for 2003:

- All acres will be subject to approval for Crop Insurance, after the customer has notified the Customer Action Centre of their intentions to plant after July 10th.
- Location restrictions and practice guidelines, which include irrigation, will be placed on the acres.
- Double cropping of acres will not be permitted.

2003 APPROVED OTRI RESEARCH PROJECTS

PROJECT	RESEARCHER	FUNDING
Ecological/Epidemiological Studies of the Highly Virulent Group C and D Forms of Bacterial Spot Pathogen	D. Cuppels	\$6,000
Pest Management Strategies in Processing Tomatoes	R. Pitblado	\$14,000
Weed Control and Crop Tolerance Evaluations in Processing Tomatoes	D. Robinson A. Hamill	\$18,000
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	\$5,000
Agronomic and Environmental Consequences of Applying Fertilizer N and P to Processing Tomatoes and Green Peppers under Drip Irrigation	T. Zhang	\$10,000
Drip Irrigation Management Strategies	J. Warner	\$10,000

2003 APPROVED OPVG RESEARCH PROJECTS

PROJECT	RESEARCHER	FUNDING
Bacterial Spot Resistant Pepper Cultivar Evaluation	J. Zandstra	\$ 1,250 OPVG
		\$ 1,250 OFPA
Ecological/Epidemiological Studies of the Highly Virulent Group C and D Forms of Bacterial Spot Pathogen	D. Cuppels	\$ 3,000 OPVG
		\$ 6,000 OTRI
Processing Cauliflower Fertigation, Cultivar and Disease Management Studies - Nitrogen Study	A. McKeown	\$ 5,500 OPVG
		\$ 5,500 OFPA
Optimizing Soil Nitrogen Management for Processing Sweet Corn to Maximize Marketable Yield and Quality and Minimize Marketable Yield and Minimize Damages to Water Quality	T. Zhang	\$ 14,000
Agronomic and Environmental Consequences of Applying Fertilizer N and P to Processing Tomatoes and Green Peppers under Drip Irrigation	T. Zhang	\$ 5,000 OPVG
		\$ 10,000 OTRI
Weed Control Evaluations in Processing Vegetables	D. Robinson	\$ 24,000
Development of Alternative Irrigation Practices to Improve Water-Use Efficiency, Nutrient-Use Efficiency and Water Quality of Processing Cucumbers on Coarse-Textured Soils	R. Beyaert	\$ 13,000
Processing Vegetable Cultivar Evaluation	J. Warner	\$ 4,000 OPVG
		\$ 3,000 OFPA
Processing Cucumber Variety Evaluation and Machine Harvest Studies	J. O'Sullivan	\$ 7,000
Weed Management Studies for Processing Vegetables	J. O'Sullivan	\$ 7,000
NY's Processing Snap Bean and Sweet Corn Variety Evaluations	J. Ballerstein	\$ 1,500 OPVG US\$
		\$ 1,500 OFPA US\$
Pest Management Studies	R. Pitblado	\$ 4,600 OPVG
		\$ 2,400 OFPA
Farm - Scale Processing Tomato Production Using Surface and Subsurface Drip Irrigation and Fertigation	C. Tan	\$ 10,000 OPVG
		\$ 16,000 OTRI