

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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NEWSLETTER

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DRIP IRRIGATION TOUR

Over 100 participants attended the Drip Irrigation Tour held in the Leamington area on June 20th, 2002. Tour stops included Four E Farms, Tri-B Farms greenhouse operation and W.J. Brown Farms. Special thanks to our Australian friends for their insights as well as Healthy Futures and Farm Credit Canada for their assistance in sponsoring this event.

HEALTHY FUTURES - DRIP IRRIGATION FOR PROCESSING VEGETABLES

To date 23 applications have been approved, resulting in total drip related expenditures by growers of over 1.8 million dollars, and Healthy Futures grants of \$601,786. Applications are still being accepted. Please note that growers must have a processing vegetable contract in order to qualify. If you have further questions or require an application form please contact the board office .

VEGETABLE TWILIGHT TOUR

2002 Fresh Market/Processing Vegetable Twilight Tour
GREENHOUSE AND PROCESSING CROPS RESEARCH CENTRE
Harrow, Ontario (1.5 Km of Harrow on County Road 20)
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2002 6:30 P.M.

VEGETABLE VARIETY TRIAL PLOTS

Fresh Market & Process Tomatoes
Peppers
Sweet Corn
Snap Beans

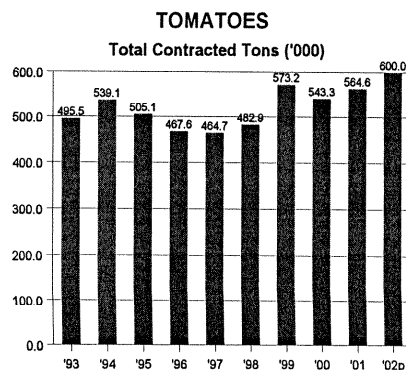
VEGETABLE MANAGEMENT

Process Tomato
Pepper

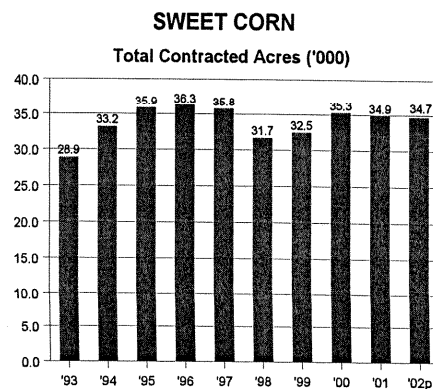
Research Staff and Seed Company Reps will be available to answer questions on varieties and vegetable research. For more information call: (519) 738-2251, Bill Balkwill Ext. 488 or John Warner Ext. 468.

ONTARIO CONTRACT INTENTIONS

Ontario processors have now reported preliminary contract information for 2002. Ten year contract data by crop is as follows:



Contract tomato tonnage is up approximately 6% over last years contract volume and is at the highest level in 10 years. Target yield on planned acres is up to 35.3 from 34.1.

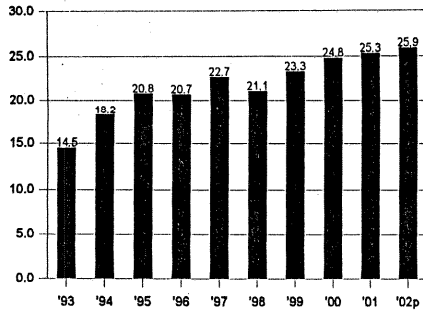


Sweet corn contract acreage, Ontario's highest acreage processing crop, is down slightly from last year's levels.

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GREEN PEAS

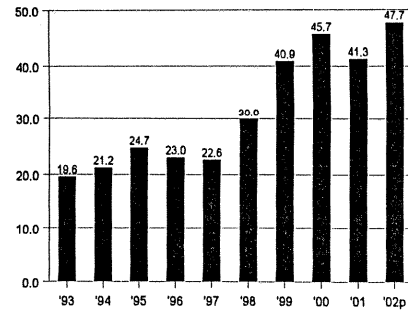
Total Contracted Acres ('000)



Green pea contract acreage continues to increase.

CUCUMBERS

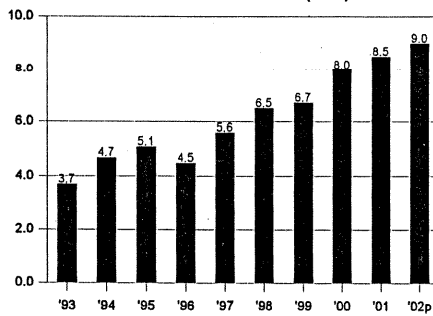
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Cucumber contract tonnage is at its all time high.

GREEN & WAX BEANS

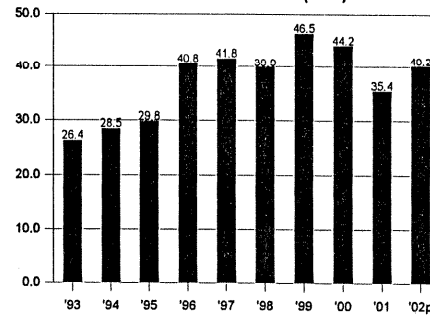
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Green and wax bean contract acreage has increased every year for the past six years.

CARROTS

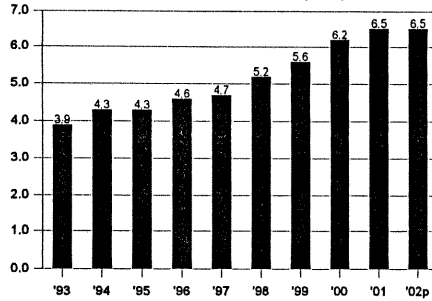
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Carrot tonnage has rebounded from 2001.

CAULIFLOWER

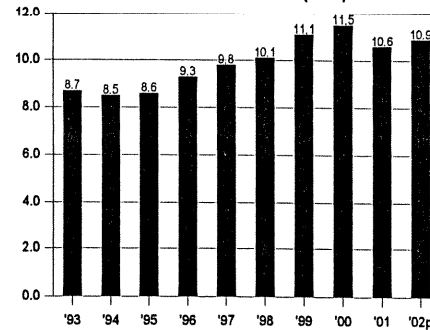
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Cauliflower contract tonnage is the same as in 2001.

PEPPERS

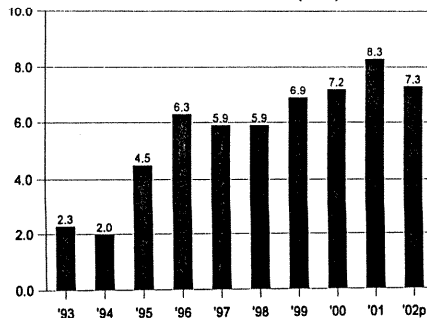
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Pepper contract tonnage is essentially the same in 2002 as in 2001.

PUMPKIN & SQUASH

Total Contracted Tons ('000)



Pumpkin and squash tonnage is down from 2001's record level.

Note: Due to only one or two processors operating, red beet, cabbage and lima bean information is confidential and cannot be released.