

# Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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## NEWSLETTER

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### LICENCE FEE SCHEDULE

The following are 2003 licence fees to be deducted on a **per net ton** basis.

COMMODITY	ADMIN	ACREAGE MEASURE /MONITOR	GRADING	OTHER	TOTAL	GST	TOTAL PER NET TON
TOMATOES	\$0.93	\$0.06	\$0.36	TOMCAST \$0.07	\$1.42	\$0.10	<b>\$1.52</b>
SWEET CORN	\$0.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.82	\$0.06	<b>\$0.88</b>
GREEN PEAS	\$3.15	\$0.00	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$3.30	\$0.23	<b>\$3.53</b>
CUCUMBERS	\$2.45	\$0.00	\$0.07	\$0.00	\$2.52	\$0.18	<b>\$2.70</b>
GREEN & WAX BEANS	\$2.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.01	\$0.14	<b>\$2.15</b>
CARROTS	\$0.74	\$0.00	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$0.85	\$0.06	<b>\$0.91</b>
PEPPERS	\$2.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.53	\$0.18	<b>\$2.71</b>
BEETS	\$0.84	\$0.00	\$0.96	\$0.00	\$1.80	\$0.13	<b>\$1.93</b>
LIMA BEANS	\$5.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.32	\$0.37	<b>\$5.69</b>
SQUASH	\$0.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.76	\$0.05	<b>\$0.81</b>
CABBAGE	\$0.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.62	\$0.04	<b>\$0.66</b>
CAULIFLOWER	\$2.85	\$0.00	\$0.58	\$0.00	\$3.43	\$0.24	<b>\$3.67</b>
PUMPKIN	\$0.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.73	\$0.05	<b>\$0.78</b>

### DRIP IRRIGATION - STATUS UPDATE

Healthy Futures Drip Irrigation funding is still available. To date, fifty projects, resulting in grower funding of 1.275 million dollars have been approved by the Review Committee. The program continues until all available funding has been allocated or December 31, 2003, whichever occurs first. Please note that projects must be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> to qualify. If you require an Application Form, please contact the board office by phone at (519) 681-1875 or fax (519) 685-5719 or by emailing [opvg@opvg.org](mailto:opvg@opvg.org).

For those applicants whose projects are completed, please submit, as soon as possible, the required documentation as set out in the package previously forwarded to you.

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**ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY - SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers (OPVG) and the Ontario Food Processors Association (OFPA) are continuing with a bursary fund to support and encourage individuals pursuing a career in any aspect of the processing vegetable industry. These organizations are working together to ensure that there are new individuals who will have the interest, skills and abilities to further develop and grow this sector of Ontario's agri-food economy.

Ontario's processing vegetable industry is competitive and vibrant. There are a variety of options for those seeking career opportunities; everything from on-farm production to sales and marketing to managing a processing facility.

Through generous sponsor donations we were successful in raising just over \$13,000 at this year's auction. This allows the OPVG and the OFPA to offer six-\$2,000 bursaries to students this fall. Applicants must be registered as a full-time student at an Ontario college or university entering the second, third or fourth year of study.

For further information regarding the bursaries, please contact:

John Mumford, Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers, 519-681-1875  
 Jane Graham, Ontario Food Processors Association, 519-826-3590

The Bursary Application Form will be available on the OPVG Website ([www.opvg.org](http://www.opvg.org)) by mid-June or on request from either the OPVG or OFPA offices. Applications are to be submitted no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

**2003 USDA CONTRACT INTENTIONS**

CROP	Acres		2003 CONTRACT AS A % OF 2002
	2002	2003	
Snap Beans	220,200	194,400	88%
Sweet Corn	444,230	438,600	98%
Cucumbers for Pickles	79,800	95,600	119%
Green Peas	228,500	243,200	106%
Tomatoes . . . . . TONS	11,407,220	11,485,680	101%

Source: Agricultural Statistics Board, NASS, USDA