

# Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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## NEWSLETTER

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### PHYTOPHTHORA CAPSICI AND CFIA

Recently, the OPVG was made aware of the possibility that growers who are shipping cucumbers directly to the U.S. may be required by their U.S. buyer to take back to Canada rejected cucumbers for disposal. Concerned about the potential for disease resulting from co-mingling with infected cucumbers, the board notified CFIA with our concerns. What follows is the response we received from CFIA.

Thank you for your letter of May 10, 2005. I have consulted with our Pest Risk Analysis section concerning Phytophthora Blight. The fungus *Phytophthora capsici* is the causal agent and is very widespread in the United States. A brief search of Canadian records indicates the disease has been reported from British Columbia and Quebec starting in the 1960's to the present. During that time the disease has not been regulated by Canada.

Because the records indicate widespread establishment of this disease in Canada and the reports that losses have been sporadic in Canada, this disease cannot qualify as pest of quarantine significance.

As mentioned earlier, *Phytophthora capsici* is not regulated by Canada, so we are unable to restrict the movement of those cucumbers returned to Canada for disposal.

Thank you again for your inquiries on this matter. If you have any other questions on this or other plant health horticulture issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Isn't it comforting to know that CFIA is looking out for Canadian agriculture? Interestingly, at the same time, a coalition of growers, processors and researchers in the U.S. have recently asked Washington legislators for 10 million dollars, over 5 years, for research "to come to grips with this spreading disease".

**COMMAND AND ADMIRE RECEIVE EMERGENCY USE REGISTRATION FOR SQUASH,  
PUMPKIN**

Command 360 herbicide and Admire 240 (imidacloprid) insecticide have received Emergency Use Registrations for use on squash and pumpkin. Please refer to the label for use instructions.

Our thanks to Jim Chaput and Elaine Roddy for their efforts in obtaining both of these Emergency Use Registrations.

Note to PMRA: both of these products have been registered for these uses in the U.S. for over ten years.

**CROP INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Growers are reminded to open a crop insurance claim in the event of potential crop damage by contacting Agricorp at 1-888-247-4999.

**2004 CAIS PROGRAM FORMS DEADLINE - EXTENDED TO JULY 15, 2005**

**Guelph - (May 27, 2005)** Agricorp has extended the 2004 Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program forms deadline to **July 15, 2005** in order to accommodate as many producers as possible.

Agricorp processes CAIS files on a first in first out basis, so producers who submit accurate and complete information as early as possible, regardless of the deadline, will benefit.

Producers and agents can use the new myCAIS to submit 2004 forms online at [www.mycais.on.ca](http://www.mycais.on.ca).

Other 2004 CAIS program deadlines remain unchanged. Participants must submit their 2004 T1163 (for individuals) or Statement A (for corporations) to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Winnipeg Taxation Centre by **June 15, 2005** for individuals and **June 30, 2005** for corporations.

## **ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY - BURSARY FUND**

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.

Through generous sponsor donations we were successful in raising just over \$12,000 at this year's auction. An additional amount in excess of \$4,000 was donated in memory of Jim Whitson, former Chairman of the Conference Committee for the past three years and Vice-Chairman of the OPVG. We are pleased to announce that the committee unanimously agreed to designate an annual \$2,000 scholarship for Ridgetown College in memory of Jim Whitson. This allows the OPVG and the OFPA to offer up to eight-\$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  
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The Bursary Application Form is available on the OPVG Website ([www.opvg.org](http://www.opvg.org)) or on request from either the OPVG or OFPA offices. Applications are to be submitted no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## **SEPARATE HARVEST COVERAGE (SHC) UPDATE**

The OPVG has been working for some time to have the additional deductible associated with SHC Crop Insurance (available on green peas, green and wax beans and sweet corn) eliminated. One would have thought, given the priority accorded to Crop Insurance in the APF, that incremental improvements to crop insurance coverage would have been relatively straight forward. This has not been the case.

Essentially, the boards argument is that, over time with steady overall acreage and fewer growers growing more acreage in the form of more plantings, the risk to the plan has not changed. Crop Insurance however has argued that each particular grower, if insured for each planting, has a greater chance of making a claim. Hence, the increased deductible. The board has countered however stating that while true, this does not mean that the risk to the plan, as a whole, has changed.

The OPVG is continuing its efforts in this area. In the meantime however, growers would be well advised to consider structuring their processing vegetable contracts (in the form of contracts in separate names) so that they do not run up against the existing coverage penalty. Agricorp has provided the board with the steps that are necessary to meet their criteria. Please contact the board if you require a copy.