

# NEWSLETTER

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## SALVAGE BENEFIT FOR PROCESSING TOMATOES

The Production Insurance Plan for Processing Tomatoes includes a salvage benefit for tomatoes affected by blossom end rot and/or hail. This benefit helps growers by offsetting the increased costs of harvesting and grading affected tomatoes in the field. Growers are responsible to notify Agricorp for the presence of blossom end rot and/or hail damage by calling Agricorp's customer action centre to open a claim prior to harvest. The toll free number is 1-888-247-4999 and the centre is open Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agricorp determines the level of damage based on fruit counts in the field, and pays a salvage benefit based on the potential of the crop to a maximum of your current average farm yield as shown in the following chart:

\*Estimated yield/acre to a maximum of the AFY (Average Farm Yield)

Acres Affected	Variety	Defect Level	Potential Yield*	Salvage Benefit	Total \$
		10.0% - 14.99%		\$2.00/ton	
		15.0% - 19.99%		\$4.00/ton	
		20.0% - 24.99%		\$6.00/ton	
		> 25%		\$8.00/ton	

**Note:** It is not necessary to be in a Production claim position to qualify for this benefit.

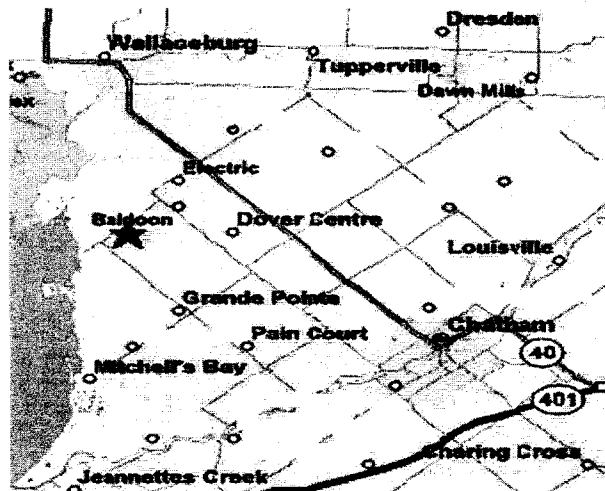
## CARROT GRADING SEMINAR

As a result of the changes to this years marketing agreement, that will result in all carrot deliveries being acceptable or rejectable (No deductions for tare) the OFPA and the OPVG have asked Upgrade Consulting to conduct a carrot grading seminar to demonstrate the grading of defects and their respective tolerances. The seminar is scheduled for Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 p.m. at the Country View Golf Club, Dover Centre.

All carrot growers are encouraged to attend!

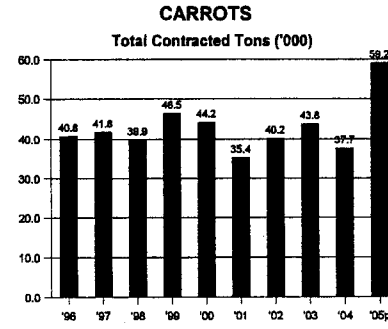
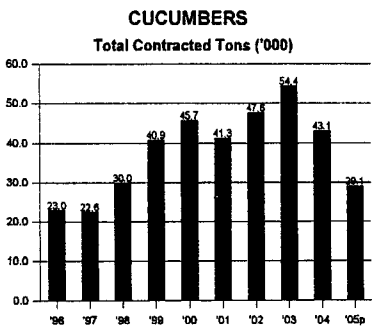
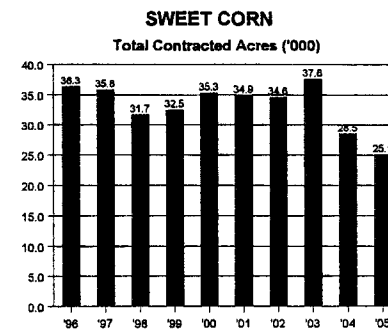
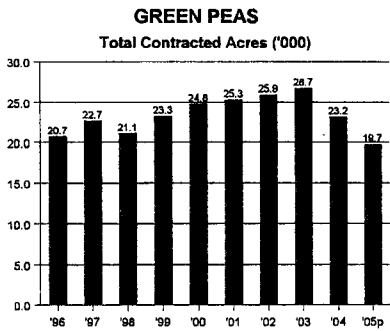
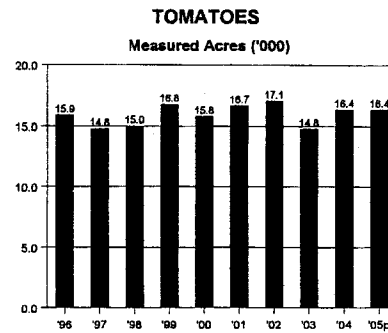
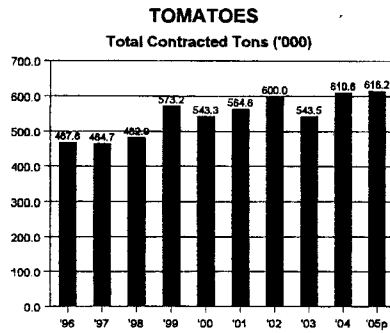
### Directions to the Country View

- ➔ Take Highway 40 Exit off 401 toward Chatham.
- ➔ Turn right onto #40/Communication Rd. and travel to very end.
- ➔ Country View is on the left (519) 354-9500.



**ONTARIO CONTRACT INTENTIONS**

Ontario processors have now reported preliminary contract information for 2005. Ten year contract data is as follows:



**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  
 Janisse Routledge, Ontario Food Processors Association, 519-767-5594

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.