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FARM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

As we head into the harvest season, growers should be aware that the Ontario government continues to focus on worker safety, in particular, young workers. Growers are strongly advised to familiarize themselves with their obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the Employment Standards Act and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act.

The Farm Safety Association has health and safety literature and videos on a full range of farm hazards. They can be reached at 1-800-361-8855 or www.farmsafety.ca.

BONDUELLE COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF CARRIERE

In mid July Bonduelle S.A., headquartered in Lille, France completed its purchase of Carriere Foods of Quebec. The takeover in July of Carriere was characterized in a Bonduelle press release as a move "that will lead to a major shift in the geographical distribution of Bonduelles activity during the 2007-2008 financial year."

With approximately 1.2 billion euro's in sales in the 2006-2007 financial year, Bonduelle's business activity is now split one-third in France, one-third in other Eurozone Countries and one-third outside the Eurozone, mainly in North America and Central and Eastern Europe.

Bonduelles North American subsidiary is headed by Managing Director, Daniel Vielfaure, formerly CEO of Aliments Carriere.

ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE



**MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH TO
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2008**

*Watch for upcoming details on
the program for 2008!*



MINOR USE LABEL EXPANSION GRANTED

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) recently announced the approval of a minor use label expansion for **MILSTOP FOLIAR FUNGICIDE** for control of powdery mildew (*Leveillula taurica*) on field peppers in Canada. MILSTOP FOLIAR FUNGICIDE, a unique biopesticide, was already labeled in Canada for management of powdery mildew on greenhouse vegetables and ornamentals and grapes. This is the 3rd minor use registration of MILSTOP on a crop grown in the field in Canada.

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. This allows the OPVG and the OFPA to offer up to 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, 519-767-5599

The Bursary Application is available on the OPVG Website (www.opvg.org) or on request from either the OPVG or OFPA offices. Applications are to be submitted no later than September 30th, 2007.