

# *Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers*

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## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **TRIBUNAL DECISION - KEJAY**

On August 17, the OPVG received the decision of the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal from an Appeal by Kejay that took place on July 14, 2005. At that time Kejay appealed the decision of the board that found Kejay to have marketed carrots to Strathroy Foods Limited contrary to the 2004 marketing agreement.

The Appeal Tribunal upheld the finding of the board and parts of the penalty levied by the board. Specifically, the Tribunal maintained the decision by the board to penalize Kejay in an amount equal to the outstanding balance for the deliveries in question, the amount being \$27,028.00. The Tribunal also upheld the decision by the board to not issue a license to Kejay to produce and market carrots for processing in 2006 and that Kejay be required to sign an undertaking not to be a party to any arrangement, the effect of which is contrary to the Farm Products Marketing Act, General Regulations of the OPVG, any Order or direction of the OPVG or any negotiated agreement or award, before the OPVG may consider an application for a license to produce and market carrots for processing from Kejay in 2007.

The Tribunal did remove the restriction placed by the board on Kejay's ability to produce and market any other vegetables for processing in 2006.

### **QUOTA CLAUSE - SWEET CORN, GREEN AND WAX BEANS**

Sweet corn and green and wax bean growers are reminded that where the processor invokes the quota clause, crop insurance must be notified in order to adjust your yield for AFY purposes and to assess any impact on additional plantings.

## **2005 OPVG RESEARCH**

The following research projects were approved by the OPVG for 2005. Full reports will be provided at the Ontario Processing Vegetable Industry Conference in January 2006. Note that a number of projects received additional funding from Ontario processors.

	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>RESEARCHER</b>	<b>\$ AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
1	Bacterial Spot Resistant Pepper Cultivar Evaluation - 2005	J. Zandstra	\$1,250
2	Cultivar Evaluations of Processing Peas - 2005	J. Zandstra	\$3,000
3	On-Farm Nitrogen Tests to Minimize Nitrogen Inputs and Optimize Yields in Vegetable Crop Production	Laura Van Eerd	\$8,500
4	Management of Ascochyta Blight, Powdery Mildew and Other Diseases on Processing Peas - Second Year of Trials	M.R. McDonald	\$4,200
5	Agronomic and Environmental Consequences of Applying Fertilizer N and P to Processing Tomatoes and Green Peppers Under Drip Irrigation	T. Zhang	\$5,000 (same application to OTRI)
6	Weed Control Evaluations in Processing Vegetables	D. Robinson	\$22,350
7	Processing Cauliflower Cultivar Studies	A. McKeown	\$5,000
8	Weed Management Studies for Processing Vegetables	J. O'Sullivan	\$4,175
9	NYS Processing Snap Bean and Sweet Corn Variety Evaluation	J. Ballerstein	\$2,250 (U.S. Funds)
10	The Development of Pest Management Strategies for Insects and Plant Diseases in Processing Vegetables - 2005	R. Pitblado	\$3,600
11	Epidemiology, Preliminary Control Measures and Characterization of Isolates of Phytophthora Capsici From Pepper, Tomato and Cucurbit Fields in Southern Ontario	R. Cerkauskas	\$5,000

## **2005 CUCUMBER RESEARCH**

The Cucumber Research Committee, consisting of Ontario pickle processors and the board, approved the following projects for 2005.

	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>RESEARCHER</b>	<b>\$ AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
1	Weed Control Evaluations in Processing Cucumbers	D. Robinson	\$3,000
2	Assessing Yield and fertilizer input requirements for double-cropped cucumbers in Southwestern Ontario	Laura Van Eerd	\$5,000
3	Weed Management Studies for Processing Cucumbers	J. O'Sullivan	\$5,000
4	Processing Cucumber Variety Evaluation	J. O'Sullivan	\$11,000
5	Epidemiology, Preliminary Control Measures and Characterization of Isolates of Phytophthora Capsici From Pepper, Tomato and Cucurbit Fields in Southern Ontario	R. Cerkauskas	\$7,500

## **2005 OTRI RESEARCH**

The Ontario Tomato Research Institute, made up of Ontario tomato processors and the board, approved the following projects for 2005.

	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>RESEARCHER</b>	<b>\$ AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
1	Development of Strategies to Manage Transplant Vigour and Advance Maturity in Processing Tomatoes	J. Zandstra	\$6,000
2	Ecological/Epidemiological Studies of the Highly Virulent Group C and D Forms of the Bacterial Spot Pathogen	D. Cuppels	\$6,900
3	Drip Irrigation Water Management Strategies to Enhance Processing Tomato Fruit Solids, Quality and Yield	J. Warner	\$10,000
4	Weed Control and Crop Tolerance Evaluations in Processing Tomatoes	D. Robinson	\$18,000
5	Agronomic and Environmental Consequences of Applying Fertilizer N and P to Processing Tomatoes and Green Peppers Under Drip Irrigation	T. Zhang	\$10,000
6	Pest Management Strategies in Processing Tomatoes - 2005	R. Pitblado	\$15,000
7	Breeding Program	S. Loewen	\$30,750
8	Epidemiology, Preliminary Control Measures and Characterization of Isolates of Phytophthora Capsici From Pepper, Tomato and Cucurbit Fields in Southern Ontario	R. Cerkauskas	\$7,500

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*Ontario Processing Vegetable Industry Conference*

**January 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Hilton Hotel & London Convention Centre**

**London, Ontario**