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## REGULATION/POLICY *update*

### Fall Board Member Elections



The OPVG has selected Canlead Solutions, an entity recently launched by the Agricultural Adaption Council, as the Returning Officer for the 2021 Board member elections. An Electoral Committee, comprised of one member from each District plus the OPVG Executive, has been formed to help guide the process and make recommendations for fall elections. Electoral Committee members are Dave Hope, Michael Denys, Ken Hamm, Kevin Epp, Dale Cook and Jeff Ferguson.

Last year when the revised Regulation 441 was released, the Farm Products Marketing Commission (FPMC) prescribed an election process requiring a Returning Officer and mandating a voting system for the Board of Director positions. This year, the process must follow certain rules but has more flexibility. With the help of the Electoral Committee, we will be able to improve the election process going forward.

Please contact your local Board representative or the OPVG office if you have any suggestions for this year's election. Watch for emails from Canlead Solutions and OPVG, as well as our website for more information regarding the upcoming elections.

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## BOARD *update*

### Membership with World Processing Tomato Council (WPTC)

The OPVG and the Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Processors Association have been joint Canadian members of the WPTC for a number of years. The OPVG Board is pleased to announce we are now a full member in WPTC representing the Canadian processing tomato industry. WPTC is an extremely valuable source of information sharing and we look forward to continuing this relationship.

### Processing Vegetable Industry Conference (OPVIC)

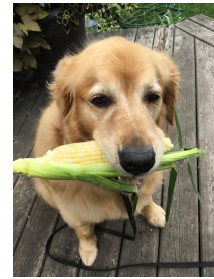
The Board of Directors reviewed the details, cost and staffing required to host the annual Industry Conference. With declining attendance in recent years, a decision was made to change the conference into two new events. The Board will host a one-day Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March 2021 and, later in the year, host an extension event for educational purposes. The extension event will provide our membership with access to new technology and research, as well as continuing to build relationships with field specialists and researchers to receive the most up-to-date and crucial information related to all our growers' crops. Watch for details in early 2021!

### Bursary Program

The OPVG continues the Bursary Program for students enrolled at university or college and pursuing a career in any aspect of the processing vegetable industry (ie. agriculture, food science, food production). As in the past, winners will be selected by a committee of industry officials and announced in the new year.

## 2020 Photo Contest has started!

We are looking for photos that showcase Ontario processing vegetables and the people that have a hand in their production from field to fork. You may already have a photo from this year's crops to enter or snap one while harvest is taking place. The contest is open to everyone.



Check our website for details of the 3rd annual Share Your Best Shot photo contest.

[Click here to go to our website](#)

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## MARKET *intelligence*

### 2020 Harvest update



**Green Peas** - The green pea harvest is complete and, due to weather, harvested acreage will be below contracted levels.

**Cucumbers** - The cucumber harvest has faced some labour challenges and it is expected that harvested tonnage may be slightly below contracted levels.

**Tomatoes** - Tomato harvest is underway. The crop looks good and contracted tonnage should be achieved.

**Green & Wax Beans** - Harvest of Green & Wax Beans has begun with yield to date looking good.

**Lima Beans** - The Lima Bean harvest is well underway and it is anticipated that contracted levels will be achieved.

**Sweet Corn** - Harvest of Sweet Corn has begun and it is reported as an average crop to date.

**Onions** - Onion harvest is underway with overall quality and yield being reported as good.

**Carrots** - Carrot harvest has yet to begin. Rain has impacted some areas but the quality overall is good.

**Squash** - The crop is reported to be good quality with harvest set to begin in October.

## Stay connected with OPVG 2020 Board

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