

DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATE PROFILES

Thomas Keller

Leamington, Ontario

District 1, Leamington/Kingsville

Crops Grown: Processing Tomatoes for Highbury, Sweet corn for Bonduelle, Wheat, corn, Soybeans.

Experience: 3 years past OPVG member, multiple years as a committee man

Farm: Recently downsized to 300 acres. Previous crops include tomato seedlings, peas, green and wax beans, white beans, flue cured tobacco, fresh market peppers and wax beans.

Seeking election to the OPVG to maintain and improve the processing industry for the future success of growers.

Chris Stewart

Profile not provided

DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATE PROFILES

Eric Allaer

Lambton, Ontario

Growing Region/District: 2

Crops Grown: Sweet corn, peas, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, seed corn, field corn, soybeans, wheat and turkey producer

Contracted Processor(s): Bonduelle, Sun Brite Foods, Whyte's, USA customers

Qualifications: District Board Chair — 2 years, Provincial Board Director — 1 year, Vegetable Grower for 36 years.

Further Information i.e. farm size, experience, reason for seeking election, etc. (100 words or less):

To work with our growers and processors to continue to grow the vegetable industry in Ontario.

Carl Merrick

Strathroy, Ontario

District 2 grower of Sweet Corn, Snap Beans and Peas with Bonduelle

Bachelor of Management and Organizational Studies from University of Western Ontario

I have been farming with my family for the past 15+ years in the Strathroy area and we have been growing processing vegetables since I was a young child. I have worked in various rolls across agriculture including sales, merchandising and operations since graduating from UWO Business in 2009. As the incumbent from District 2 I hope to continue working with our OPVG, Board of Directors and other stakeholders to best serve the growers of District 2 and the industry. Peas, Snap Beans and Sweet Corn are an important piece of my farm operation and I am committed to working towards strengthening our industry.

DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATE PROFILE

Neil Reimer

Vienna, Ontario

Growing Region/District: 3

Crops Grown: Asparagus, Cucumbers, Peppers, Corn, Soybeans , Seed Corn

Contracted Processor(s): Hartung

Qualifications: Current processing vegetable grower.

Further Information i.e. farm size, experience, reason for seeking election, etc. (100 words or less):

I farm 100 plus acres vegetables, 600 corn and soybeans. I have been farming for 20 yrs. I have served 1 term on the AFO and OFVGA board and 2 years on cucumber negotiation committee. I feel I have a good understanding of the processing vegetable industry. Would like to help grow the vegetable industry.