



MEMBER UPDATE



REGULATION/POLICY *update*



Dave Hope, OPVG Chair

As announced, Dave Hope was re-appointed as Board Chair for a two-year term beginning November 2020. OPVG is pleased to continue working with Dave on important issues for our growers and our industry.

New Directors for 2021

Carl Merrick continues to serve on the Board of Directors for a second term. He was re-elected to the Board in District 2. Carl farms with his family and lives in the Strathroy area with his wife and daughter.

Tom Keller was elected to the Board in District 1 where he has served on the District 1 Committee for ten years. Tom has been a long time member of OPVG and has served previously on the Board of Directors. Tom is married with three grown children and lives in Leamington.

Chris Stewart was elected to the Board in District 1. Chris farms with his two brothers and is a fourth generation farmer. He has previously served on the Board and also currently serves on the Seed Corn Growers of Ontario.

Neil Reimer has served on the District 3 Committee for the past two years. He has previously served on the OFVGA Board. Neil is married with 3 children and has farmed in the Vienna area for 20 years.

BOARD *update*

OPVG Annual General Meeting - March 30, 2021

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend this virtual meeting. Details will be sent to your email soon.

Bursary Program

The Bursary Committee has chosen 3 remarkable students as recipients of the 2020 Bursary awards. We thank all applicants for their interest. The winners will be announced at the OPVG Annual General Meeting on March 30, 2021.

2020 Photo Contest

The deadline is fast approaching! Check our website for details of the 3rd annual Share Your Best Shot photo contest. Submit your photos now to be eligible to win a prize!



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

MARKET *intelligence*

2020 Harvest

Despite the challenges associated with COVID-19 and Mother Nature, growers and processors worked together for a successful crop year in 2020.

CARROT HARVEST resulted in 2.26% over contract tonnage.

CUCUMBER HARVEST was down 10.84% from contracted tons, due to challenges sourcing labour.

GREEN AND WAX BEAN ACRES HARVESTED produced 45.3% over contracted acreage.

GREEN PEA HARVEST acreage was slightly below those contracted at -0.097%.

LIMA BEAN HARVEST acres were 2.68% more than acres contracted.

ONION HARVEST tons were down 40.5% over contract tonnage.

SQUASH HARVEST resulted in 2.09% more tons over those contracted.

SWEET CORN HARVEST tons were up 10.42% over contracted tonnage.

TOMATO HARVEST resulted in just over 3.145% additional tons being delivered.

2021 Negotiations



Cucumbers - Agreements were reached for both Hand Harvest and Machine and copies sent to Cucumber growers.

Onions - Negotiations concluded with an agreement and a copy was sent to Onion growers.

Green Peas - Negotiations for Green Peas will start by Monday, February 1.

Sweet Corn - Negotiations for Sweet Corn will begin by Monday, February 8.

Green & Wax Beans - Negotiations for Green & Wax Beans will start by Monday, February 22.

Lima Beans - Negotiations for Lima Beans will begin by Monday, March 1.

Squash - Negotiations for Squash will start by Monday, March 1.

Stay connected with OPVG 2021 Board

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