



# ONTARIO SOYBEAN GROWERS

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## Soybean Report

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### SIGN UP NOW FOR CAIS

April 30, 2004 is the deadline to sign up and make your deposit for the new Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program, which combines stabilization assistance (formerly NISA) with disaster assistance (formerly OFIDP). Farmers who do not sign up and pay their deposit will not be eligible for program payments for 2003 or 2004.

CAIS operates on the philosophy that governments and producers will share in the cost of replacing lost income. For smaller losses, producers and governments will equally share the burden. As losses deepen, the share that government funds increases to four times the amount covered by the producer.

Producers will receive detailed information by mail, explaining steps that must be taken to secure CAIS coverage for the 2003 and 2004. If you do not receive this information by mid-February 2004, contact the CAIS office at 1-877-838-5144.

A series of CAIS producer information meetings are being held across Ontario by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, starting February 16. For details on meetings in your area call the CAIS office or visit the CAIS web site at [www.omaf.gov.on.ca](http://www.omaf.gov.on.ca).

### ONTARIO PLANT PATHOLOGIST RECEIVES INAUGURAL AWARD

Field crop plant pathologist Albert Tenuta, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, accepted the premier Canadian Phytopathological Society's (CPS) award for "Achievements in Plant Disease Management" at the CPS Annual General Meeting in Montreal. The CPS recognized Tenuta for his extensive knowledge of plant diseases and their management and his tireless contributions to agriculture through extension, communication and committee work. The Ontario Soybean Growers congratulate this fine researcher on his efforts, and his well-deserved recognition.



Albert Tenuta was presented with the premier award by Canadian Phytopathological Society President Karen Bailey during the CPS Annual Meeting in Montreal.

### 2003/04 OSG RESEARCH PRIORITIES

Expansion, crop protection and optimization form the foundation of a new research plan being carried out by the Ontario Soybean Growers.

Researchers are embarking on OSG-funded projects designed to provide soybean producers with new markets and technologies. These projects fall under three areas: utilization, agronomy, and disease and insect control.

#### Soybean utilization

Ontario's soybean market is growing rapidly, and with research directed at developing innovative areas for soybean utilization, the OSG is working to add value to the province's soybean crop.

The Board will be work closely with recently established Guelph-based project, Soy 20/20 – dedicated to identifying high-potential value added soybean markets in Canada – to prioritize this market expansion. Some of the research priorities in this area include developing industrial soybean uses such as biodiesel, enzymes, solvents, plastics and waxes; soyfoods such as food ingredients and food grade soybeans; and new ideas for the soybean crush market.

#### Soybean agronomy

This year's research is also aimed at bringing new technologies into growers' fields to optimize the growth and development of their soybean crops. Investigating effective and efficient strategies for managing weed pressures, the development of environmental stress tolerance, soybean fertility and nutrient management will lead to even higher quality soybean crops.

### Soybean disease and insect control

A major OSG priority is providing soybean growers with up-to-date and effective management strategies to battle current and emerging soybean diseases and insect pests. Research in this area will include management and control of soybean aphids and cyst nematodes as well as investigation into the impacts of emerging diseases, such as soybean rust.

Growers have long recognized the benefits of OSG-funded research, and continue to reap the benefits of the resulting technological innovations. OSG will continue to fuel these innovations through these new research areas while remaining dedicated to providing growers with new varieties and cropping systems that encourage development of high-yielding, disease resistant, quality varieties adapted to the Ontario environment.

### ONTARIO SOYBEAN GROWERS' 2004 ANNUAL MEETING

Soybean producers are invited to attend the Ontario Soybean Growers' Annual Meeting at 1 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2004 at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn, 591 Wellington Road South, London, Ontario.

The meeting is being held to receive the board's annual report and financial statements. The agenda will include time for resolutions and for open discussion of board operations and general concerns related to the soybean industry. All soybean growers in Ontario have voting privileges at the annual meeting.

~ Bill Allison, Chair  
Wendy Jahn, General Manager

### ONTARIO CORN & SOYBEAN CONFERENCE

The Ontario Corn Producers' Association and the Ontario Soybean Growers are hosting their first joint conference on Tuesday March 9, 2004 at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn in London, Ontario. The conference is an excellent opportunity for members of both organizations to exchange ideas and information.

The Ontario Soybean Growers Annual Business Meeting will be held March 8, at 1 p.m. The Ontario Corn Producers' Association Annual Business Meeting will be held March 10, commencing at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to join the program and to attend the annual banquet and social evening on Tuesday night.

#### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Introduction and Welcome - Mat Menich, OCPA President; Bill Allison, OSG Chair
9:10 a.m.	Bob Peden, Director, Member Services, UPI Inc., Ethanol and Biofuels
9:45 a.m.	Honourable Steve Peters, Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food - Future of Agriculture in North America
10:15 a.m.	Diane Francis, National Post Columnist
10:50 a.m.	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors
11:10 a.m.	Gary Groves, Minister-Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, US Embassy, Ottawa
12:15 p.m.	Luncheon
1:15 p.m.	Cal Whewell, Risk Management Consultant, FCStone, Bowling Green, Ohio - <i>Corn/Soy Market Outlook</i>
1:50 p.m.	Greg Stewart, OMAF Corn Specialist - <i>Corn Production</i>
2:20 p.m.	Albert Tenuta and Tracey Baute, Ridgetown College - <i>Soybean Production</i>
2:50 p.m.	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors
3:10 p.m.	Gord Surgeoner, President, Ontario Agri-Food Technologies - <i>Impact of the Bioeconomy</i>
3:45 p.m.	Cam Dahl, Executive Director, Grain Growers of Canada - <i>WTO and Trade Issues</i>
5:30 p.m.	Reception in Exhibit Area
6:30 p.m.	Annual Banquet and Entertainment by Second City

