



ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
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To: Seed Supplier

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation in supplying seed samples last year and in previous years. I hope the Muck Crops Research Station's cultivar trials are as beneficial to you as they are to us and the growers in the Bradford area. Increasingly these results from the cultivar trials are requested by more growers outside the local region. The results from the 2007 cultivar trials are published in the 2007 Muck Vegetable Cultivar Trial & Research Report will be forwarded to you in early March.

This year, cultivars that are submitted for evaluation may be placed in one of two trials: **Main or Adaptation**. Of the two cultivar trials, the Main Trials generate more data/information and therefore have a higher level of intensity than the Adaptation Trials. **The Main Trials** for onions and carrots are arranged in a randomized complete block design with **three reps per cultivar**. This trial is harvested, evaluated and stored by the staff at the station. The cultivars chosen for the Main Trial are cultivars that are named and are of interest to area growers. Standard cultivars are included to act as benchmarks for comparison purposes.

The **Adaptation Trials** are **not replicated**. They are harvested, evaluated and the results are published. Named cultivars and numbered lines that look promising for this area and market requirements should be included in this trial.

Rough judging notes are available after the trial has been evaluated. The final distribution copy of the results, formatted by Microsoft Word and Excel, are ready by mid January. Companies who submit seed for inclusion in the various cultivar trials will receive data upon request for each rep as well as the averages, which will be published in our annual report. Please phone or fax your request to me. You can also e-mail your request to Shawn Janse (sjanse@uoguelph.ca).

Please follow the listed seed requirements and submission dates to help us ensure a beneficial trial to all involved.

The fee for each cultivar submitted for the 2008 trials remains unchanged unless otherwise stated:

Main Trial	\$ 150.00 per sample
Adaptation Trial	\$ 85.00 per sample.