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Construction Update

New Compactor Waste Separation Station / Original Cold Storage Receiving-Shipping Docks Extension:

During the month of October, the contractor will be working on completing all of the remaining work for the masonry walls, the installation of the dock levellers and roll up doors, the HVAC and plumbing work. They will finish installing the new cold storage pallet elevator and install the compactors in the waste separation building. Construction of new OFT entrance area steel canopy structure will begin and finish the concrete pours for the staircase and ramp. We are expecting that in mid to late October that the final grading and paving of the buildings exterior area is also to be completed.



The Extension of the Original South East Buyer Loading Docks

The extension/renovation of the original south east buyer loading docks is now fully completed and operational. Buyers are taking full advantage and benefitting from the large produce assembly area and are able to load up their trucks quicker and efficiently just in time for the Thanksgiving weekend rush.



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Did You Know?

- The Ontario Food Terminal distributes over 2.1 Billion pounds of local and imported fresh fruits and vegetables annually.
- The Ontario Food Terminal has 21 warehouse tenants and 350 farmers' market tenants that sell directly and another 1,176 Ontario growers that sell indirectly through the warehouse tenants or farmers' market dealers to over 5,000 registered buyers.
- There are approximately 3,500 Ontario fruit and produce growers in Ontario of those 45% rely on the Ontario Food Terminal to sell all or part of their produce grown.
- The terminal supports local fruit and vegetable stores, independent and chain supermarkets, retailers, restaurateurs, foodservice, caterers, farmers' markets, farm gate markets, florists, garden centres, landscapers, convenience stores, institutions and charitable organizations such as FoodShare and Ontario food banks.
- The Ontario Food Terminal is the 'stock exchange of fruits and vegetables' in Canada. The price at the OFT is a key factor in many purchasing decisions made for the purchase of fresh fruits, vegetables and horticultural products, which in turn has a direct impact on the price consumers pay for their fresh fruits, vegetables and horticultural products.

Thanksgiving Day Holiday Schedule

Please Note that the Terminal will be

CLOSED on Sunday October 13th, 2019

& will be

OPEN Monday October 14th, 2019 from 5:00 AM to NOON

Tours in September

The Ontario Food Terminal Board welcomed the USDA Under Secretary, Ted McKinney, and a number of various state representatives, members of the Retail Council of Canada, students from the University of Toronto and University of Guelph, a delegation of South Korean growers, representatives from the Central New York Regional Market, a group dieticians brought in by the CPMA, members of the Salvation Army, friends of the Greenbelt, the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program Class of 2019 were explained the economic importance of the Ontario Food Terminal and how it operates.