

Vidalia Vegetable News



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Vegetable Commodity Commission

The Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Grower Association along with the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Georgia Farm Bureau have been working for sometime now on establishing a vegetable commodity commission. Watermelons and Vidalia onions already have such a commission, the National Watermelon Association and the Vidalia Onion Committee, respectively. The commodities that would be covered by this new commission are beans, bell peppers, cabbage, cucumber, sweet corn, tomato, greens (collards, turnip greens, mustard, and kale), and squash. Cantaloupe may also be added, but that has not been decided yet.

Educational meetings are planned around the state to familiarize growers and others with the program. Several of these meetings have already been held, but there are still three meetings coming up. One will be held on December 3, 2007 at the Farm Bureau Convention on Jekyll Island. Another will be held on December 4, 2007 at 6 pm in Douglas, GA, and finally a meeting will be held December 5, 2007 in Vidalia, GA at the Captain's Corner Restaurant at 12:00 pm.

Growers with 50 acres or more of the listed vegetables either singly or in combination can vote on establishing this commission (they will be contacted for their vote). The commission, if established, will collect \$0.01 per unit of production (bushel, crate, etc., whatever is the standard for that commodity) for research, education, promotion, and marketing.

Attached are a couple of files with information about the program and the educational meetings. If you have any questions there is contact information in the files.

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