Eastern US/Canadian Processing Update

2008 Processing Totals:

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<td>~70% Diced Product</td>
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Processing/Horticultural Requirements:
- Peel industry demands consistent uniform sized smooth fruit for maximum product recovery
- Increasing demand for larger firmer fruit, with higher color and reduced susceptibility to blossom end rot
- Early peel/dice varieties are in very short supply

Disease Concerns:
- Humid climate with a tendency for heavy damaging rainfalls favors the development of several bacterial and fungal diseases
  - Bacterial Spot
  - Bacterial Canker
  - Bacterial Speck
  - Various leaf moulds
  - Early Blight
  - Late Blight
  - Various fruit rots and moulds, Anthracnose etc.
- Bacterial spot is likely the largest concern
  - Several races that vary from region to region
  - Damages all parts of the plant, including fruit
- Bacterial Canker still a large concern, but has been overshadowed by Bacterial Spot issues in recent years
- Fruit rots caused by Phytophthora and Alternaria much more predominant in Ontario in the last few years.