



As we look forward to a new year, and new challenges, in many Ontario Greenhouse Farms, our growers and workers are preparing the greenhouse for the arrival of a new batch of plants that will produce tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers in 2022. Most young plants do not begin at the greenhouse farms that will raise and harvest them, but instead, begin at what is called a propagation facility. These farms begin the growing process from seed and will nurture the plant to be strong enough to enter the greenhouse farm for about 6-7 weeks. Young greenhouse plants have specific needs, and therefore specific expertise from growers who specialize at the beginning of the maturation process or propagation phase of farming.

While the young plants are beginning to grow, preparation at Ontario Greenhouse farms begins to prepare for the new plants to call the greenhouse home. Each style of tomato or pepper, be it beefsteaks, cocktail, or cherries...mini, long, or conventional bell peppers prefer different levels of heat, light, and nutrients, and because of the controlled nature of our greenhouse farms, the environment can be designed to be the most ideal environment for each variety to grow.

Long rows of troughs are hung throughout the greenhouse and are filled with blocks of neutral growing material, such as cocoa fiber or Rockwool, and they are saturated with nutrients so that when the baby plants arrive at the greenhouse they are awaiting the trans-

fer to their new home, where every element has been optimized to ensure the plants grow healthy, nutritious veggies for you and your family.

We want to wish all of our membership farms and their teams the best in the New Year and for this new season of growth.



THE ADVENTURES OF Lady Bug

Young tomato and pepper plants often start in what is called a propagation greenhouse, where new plants are cultivated from seed for about 6-7 weeks, before they are re-planted in our Ontario Greenhouse farms.

Our growers will visit the young plants to check in, ensuring that when they arrive they are in the healthiest condition possible, and are ready for a new year of growing!

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Happy New Year
and all the best in 2022!