



Garlic Growers Association of Ontario

31 May 2002

Greetings fellow Garlic Growers,

16th Annual Field Day – Saturday, June 22nd 2002 – 9:00 am

- **PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP** – we have lots to see and discuss
- Flyer with detail attached
- This years location – **Granton Lion's Park, in Granton**, north of London, SW of Stratford
- **MEETING AGENDA:**
 - Farm tours in the morning
 - Full Lunch - with BBQ and “a garlic flavoured theme”, including a special treat – Harrigan Green Garlic Soup
 - Equipment Dealers are encouraged to exhibit at the Granton Lion's Park
 - John Zandstra will update the Ridgetown garlic research & answer questions
 - CCRA Speaker – confirmed to speak about the duties and how Canada and the USA are combating illegal transshipping of garlic
 - AGRICORP – invited to speak about the next steps in implementing crop insurance for garlic
 - Special Guests – we have invited some prominent local politicians to come and see what this industry is about and to help us promote it!
 - GGAO Business plan discussion – at the CITT we said that the domestic garlic industry could capture 50% of the Canadian garlic market in the next five years. That would mean an increase from our current ~500 acres to at least 3,500 acres.
 - Come to the Field Day and enjoy catching up with friends and colleagues.

Domestic Garlic Industry Preparing for Growth

- Our latest press release highlights that the GGAO is working hard to create an environment where the garlic industry can grow and prosper for the long term.
- We now have year round protection against dumped garlic from China
- We are in the process of getting AgriCorp crop insurance
- We are trying to evolve the GGAO into a “Mandatory Membership” structure so that all those growers that benefit from the Association's efforts, help to fund it.
- Promotion plans are being developed.
- An active R&D program is being planned and developed.

President's Message:

Well, we certainly have had ample water in most parts of the province – a refreshing change to last year. Hopefully, everyone's garlic survived the winter and is doing well. Scaping season is coming up fast, and that also means it is time for the Annual GGAO Summer Field Day. I encourage everyone to attend and catch up on the latest garlic industry buzz. A brief description and signup form are included in this mailing. Please RSVP this back to Dave Harrigan, the event organizer ASAP.

The PRC Anti-dumping duties have been in place for a while now, and I think you will agree with me that the retail prices of fresh garlic in the stores is certainly higher than it has been in the last little while. At the end of the day, this should definitely translate into better returns for Ontario garlic growers.

As always, in every mailing we include a Membership Application/Renewal form. If you have been a bit tardy with your dues, now is a good time to get current. Even if you are simply renewing your membership, please fill it out and send/fax it in. The updated contact information is very helpful in ensuring that we can get information to you quickly and efficiently. There are also a few quick questions on the page that we need answered to help us move toward crop insurance and OFPMC Section 12 – Representative Association status.

You may have noticed a recent GGAO Press Release entitled "**Canadian Garlic Growers prepare for growth with Trade Tribunal win**". The purpose of this announcement is to help promote that our industry is poised to expand and that we are actively taking steps to ensure we have a long term, viable industry. Wholesale garlic buyers want to deal with producers that will be there with a reliable supply of quality product. I hope you'll agree that we can get there from here.

Speaking of expansion in the industry, you may have noticed that a new Garlic Festival has sprung up each year for the last two years. Ontario's newest Garlic Festival will be in London at the London Covent Garden on the last weekend August. Last year's new comer is back again with the 2nd Annual "Garlic is Great Festival" in Milton on 17&18 August. The 5th Annual Perth Garlic Festival is also planning another stellar festival for 10th & 11th August weekend. All of these festivals have chosen to join the GGAO as members they believe in a growing Ontario garlic industry. Let us return that support to them as vendors and get signed up for as many festivals as you can. For more information on these festivals see www.perthgarlicfestival.com, www.garlicisgreat.com and www.coventmarket.com or see the www.garlicgrowers.on.ca site for these links.

Speaking of things web based (no not another Spiderman thing), you probably have noticed a new and improved www.garlicgrowers.on.ca website. Steve Toews has done a great job of getting this up and going with a new and improved "Members Only" section. Now getting your password and access is much simplified and improved. Thanks Steve and please check it out.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd.

Wayne Passmore.

The Annual GGAO Summer Field Day

2002 Theme - "Preparing for Industry Growth"

**Where: Granton Lion's Park, Granton, ON
(just north of London & southwest of Stratford)**

When: Saturday, June 22, 2002 – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
9:00 am - Registration, Coffee, Donuts
9:30 am - Depart, via carpools for Farm tours
12:00 pm - Lunch at Granton Lion's Park
- Featuring some garlic theme food & soup
1:30 pm - Afternoon Meeting of the GGAO
- Agenda – Preparing for Industry Growth

Who: Anyone is welcome to attend the Field Day Farm Tour and Lunch and vendor display. The GGAO Meeting is open to members only. You can join on site for \$50 + \$40/acre garlic planted.

Cost: Members - \$25, Non-Members - \$50

Directions: From 401, North on Highbury #126 for 26km, east/ right on Elginfield Rd(Hwy.#7) for 300m, north/left on Granton Line (RR#59), drive 4km to Granton. The Lion's Park is one street east of town on Queen Street.

RSVP: Please help us plan the meal and logistics by RSVPing

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Members: _____ **Number of Non-Members:** _____

**Please Send (any way you prefer) to : Dave Harrigan,
RR 2, Lucan, ON N0M 2J0, or Fax: 519-227-1696 or e-mail:
harrigan@execulink.com or phone: 519-227-0619**



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Membership Application & Renewal Form

Fill in and Print this form and mail it with your fee to the address at the bottom.

Farm or Company (Member) Name: _____

Name of the designated person representing
the farm or company (Member): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Email: _____

For Harvest in 2002 -- # Pounds Planted = _____ on _____ acres

For Harvest in 2003, we plan to plant _____ acres

I'm interested in Crop Insurance: _____ Varieties Grown: _____

I would like to contribute to the Association by being involved in the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Promotions | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Crop Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> OFA/Lobbying |

Membership Fee for ALL members is \$50 per year = \$50.00 Plus \$40.00 per acre garlic planted in each year = \$40.00 X _____ acres = _____ <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">TOTAL = _____</div>
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I am in favour of GGAO pursuing "Mandatory Membership" under the OFPMA: Yes / no
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Signature of Member Representative: _____ Date: _____

Send Completed Membership Form and cheque made payable to "Garlic Grower's Association of Ontario" To: **Alan Cowan, Treasurer GGAO,
R.R. #2, Allenford, ON N0H 1A0**

Additional forms available at www.garlicgrowers.on.ca

All dues are payable at the Fall Meeting for the following calendar year.
