



Garlic Growers Association of Ontario

Annual Fall Meeting – Saturday, November 20th 2002 – 9:30 am

When: Saturday, November 20th, 2004 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Where: OMAFRA office, Woodstock
Highway 59 north, just north of Woodstock on the right hand side.
Actual address is 595236 Highway 59

Items of Business:

Treasurers Good News

Discussion of 2004 Crop

Michael Celetti - Plant Pathologist Horticultural Crops, OMAF Guelph

Bulb & Stem Nematode in Garlic

John Zandstra Ridgeway

Allan Spicer

Growers Forum

President's Message

As we wrap up another seasons and making planting decisions for 2005 it's time to reflect on the year just passed. From a weather perspective it was certainly unusual. For the most part garlic fared better than most vegetable crops and came in early, clean and white with good bulbs size. We all have different marketing process and hopefully everyone had a successful year.

I would like to welcome everyone to our fall meeting-taking place Sat November 20th at 9:30 at the OMAF office in Woodstock.

We will be featuring Mike Celetti from OMAF who will be informing us about bulb and stem nematodes. Alan Spicer will update us on his seed breeding and micronutrient program and of course we will have a growers forum to discuss issues ranging from planting to harvest and curing.

As an association we will spend some time looking at the future of garlic in Ontario and our place in it. Once again I look forward to seeing you on the 20th.

Mark Wales

Market Conditions

Chinese Garlic continues flow unabated, uninterrupted, and un-tariffed into both the Canadian and U.S. markets. Despite rulings in both countries making the practice illegal, and in spite of calls to point out the continuing practice to CCRA, no visible or material effort is evident whatsoever by the agency to enforce the rules. A new twist is "Certified Organic Garlic" from the People Republic individually tagged. Chinese garlic continues to be the default garlic of all the major chain stores and the pricing ranges from .69 cents to 1.49 depending on the banner.

In spite of being virtually shut out of the chain store market there is room and demand for Ontario garlic in specialty venues. Ontario garlic in the Food terminal was fetching from 1.25-2.25\$ per pound, depending on size, quality and volume. Off the terminal in smaller venues the prices are stronger. The focus has changed from direct competition with the Chinese to ***"so if cheap is your criterion then buy Chinese"***. There is however no question that when there was a brief absence of Chinese garlic in July the price went up sharply. For the acres that were harvested this summer there seems to be in this writers opinion some level of equilibrium or ability for the market to absorb this volume at a fair price. The key will be to grow healthy garlic and to continue to develop and encourage more people to taste the difference. Tell the story. Tell the story. **Warren Ham**

Garlic Farm Equipment for Sale

Please call Jim Clendenning at 519-676-2476

Item	Description	Asking Price
1	BDK 2 row garlic harvester - hydraulics run from PTO, pull behind, set up for 30" rows, but can be adjusted. Trims excess stalk and leaves, adjustable speed cleaning bed cleans bulbs and includes new elevator to lift product up to totes on wagons. Has been upgraded with extra heavy duty hydraulic cooling system. This could be used for other crops like carrots. Over \$35,000 invested.	\$20,000
2	Under-cutter – Heavy Duty 60" under-cutter – attaches to 3 point hitch – works well for loosening up any root crop like garlic. For hand harvesting or with use of a mechanical harvester.	\$300
3	Tote dumper – 220 single phase electric over hydraulics, lifts and dumps in a controlled manner	\$1,500
4	Potato (garlic planter) – Logan 4 row, cup and chain, originally set up for 30" rows – adjustable, modified to allow planting on 15" rows	\$2,000
5	Seed cracker – hydraulic, conveyor and drum cracker – adjustable for various sizes, exhaust fan removes skins and stems	\$1,000
Take all five pieces =		\$22,000

Auction Sale 1 PM Saturday Oct 30 At Windsong Farm – Garth & Ginny Burrows RR#1 New Hamburg Ont. For More info call 519 625 8850

Some items in the sale there are two flat wagons; a Willsie bulb harvester; a Delhi Bulb planter; a bush hog; a konkskilde cultivator; a scraper blade; a three bottom plow; 10 foot conveyor; a brusher; a sizer; a 4 foot fan; and 18 inch barn fan; Massey 2705 Tractor with 3850 hours plus a number of other items such as baskets; garlic bags, etc. a number of boxes of garlic.



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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 2005 -- # Pounds Planted = _____ on _____ acres

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 <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">=</div>
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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.