Garlic Growers Association of Ontario

18th Annual Field Day – Saturday, June 26th – 10:00 am

- Outlook & news?…….. Better than we have had for a while.
- This years location – **Murray Ritsema & Simon de Boer**,
  Just north of Wingham, details & maps attached.

AGENDA:

- Coffee, donuts & farm tours 10 A.M. starting at Murray Ritsema.
- BBQ Lunch @ ***"de Boer's Quonset Café & Fine Garlic Diner" $5***
- Equipment Dealers have been invited to exhibit at Simon de Boer's
- John Zandstra will update the Ridgetown garlic research & answer questions
- Speakers – Pest management-leek moth -AGRICORP – update
- GGAO Finances now allow focused promotion of Ontario garlic.
- Come to the Field Day and enjoy catching up with friends and colleagues.
  An active R&D program is being planned and developed.

*** *RSVP* to 519 357-1919 or sbdeboer@wightman.ca - by June 21**

President's "State of the Onion Address":

As the new president of the GGAO I would like to invite everyone to the annual garlic field day at the farms of Murray Ritsema and Simon de Boer.

The field tours will begin after coffee at Murray's; continue on to Simon's where there will be a BBQ lunch. After the tour and lunch there will be speakers outlining the continuing research on behalf of the association, some pest management issues, and

a short business meeting. On behalf of the association I would like to thank Murray & Simon for hosting this years tour and welcome them both to the executive.

Financially the organization is in good shape, thanks to Wayne Passmore's diligent efforts in bringing to a successful conclusion the government programs on behalf of the association. Dumping and transshipment (e.g. "product of Philippines") by the Chinese continues. However even with the government's inattention to enforcement, and the decreased acreage, Ontario Garlic continues find new converts as a preferred culinary choice every year, and this year's crop has excellent potential despite the rain.

The focus of the GGAO will be to promote Ontario garlic quality. With some of the greatest attributes of flavour, clove size, and nutritional value available to consumers, we will focus on innovation in promoting of our product to the right market.

John Zandstra at the Ridgetown Ag College has over the years developed a well-deserved reputation in garlic husbandry information. Among several issues, John has been doing research into viruses. Bring 6 of your average plants to the field day and the association can have them tested on you're your behalf.

If you have some pictures of your operation, or a particular system that bears further discussion, or a service available to growers bring along the info.

See you on June 26th

Sincerely

Mark Wales, President GGAO 519 773 7352

Garlic Festivals

For more information on these festivals see www.perthgarlicfestival.com, (Perth-Ottawa) www.garlicisgreat.com (Milton) and www.coventmarket.com (London) or see the www.garlicgrowers.on.ca site for these links.

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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 2004 -- # Pounds Planted =_____ on _____ acres

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

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

☐ Promotions	☐ Executive	☐ Field Day
☐ Research	☐ Newsletter	☐ Web Site
☐ Membership	☐ Crop Insurance	☐ OFA/Lobbying

Membership Fee for ALL members is $50 per year

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

Wingham is on Highway 4, approx 1 ¾ - 2 hours North of London & Hwy 401.

The field tour starts at Murray Ritsema. RR#2 Teeswater 519 357 3215

1. **From London take Hwy 4 north to Wingham.**
2. **At the north end of Wingham turn left (west) on to North St. at Mark's Auto body.**
3. **After 500 yards at the cemetery turn right or north on side rd 25**
4. **Follow the road to the 3rd corner. There will be a sign for Alps Creek garlic- Murray Ritsema.**

The 911# is 2139 Concession 2 Culross Township.

We will convoy from Murray's to Simon's around 11 am

If you are coming later;

Simon's address is 540 Wolfe St. 519 357 1919

1. **Wolfe St. is the 4th road west of Wingham on Hwy 86 towards Lucknow.**
2. **Turn right or north on Wolfe St.**
3. **Travel past the 2nd side road. Second farm on the right. White Coverall**