



Garlic Growers Association of Ontario

Garlic Field Day Saturday, June 21– 9:30 am

**Location: Ridgetown Agricultural College
120 Main St E. Ridgetown, On.**

Directions below

What to see & hear?

9:30 Coffee & Donuts

John Zandstra Research Horticulturist @ Univ of Guelph Ridgetown Campus.

John has done a great amount of varied research on garlic for a number of years. He is a remarkable resource on all garlic propagation questions.

We will tour his field trial plots and see treatments of scapes for nutraceutical values

John will also outline what to look for in terms of viral and disease issues and answer other garlic related questions.

Becky Hughes, Manager, SPUD Unit/Northern Horticulture New Liskeard Agricultural Research Station University of Guelph

Becky has piloted the Association through our clean seed program.

We have one more process to work out with regards to having a program in place to be able to produce virus free seed for association members. Becky will outline this remaining issue and the costs of the virus free seed.

Leek moth

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has been contacting grower – shippers who send their garlic to the States to put in place a protocol to inspect for Leek moth.

This has the potential to be The Canadian Garlic Industries Version of Mad Cow.

Why? It is very likely the Leek Moth is present not only in Hawaii but in the continental U.S., however their authorities are hesitant to admit this. (The pheromone for the Leek moth trap is made there) Sound familiar?

We need to make sure no Leek Moth get shipped to the US as it could have the same effect of border closure. Especially as 95% of the scape market is there.
Leek Moths were discovered as far west as Bowmanville last year.
We will have information on Leek Moth detection, where to get your Pheromone Traps, & whom to speak to in OMAFRA with regards to this. We have requested a specialist for field day to answer your questions.

Loblaws & the chains

Loblaws has indicated they will be going ahead with a program for local garlic with some growers. Is it time to contact the local stores directly again? Let's catch up.

Garlic Festivals & the demand for local food

Don't get left behind. Are looking to get the best value for your garlic?
Then get involved and pick up some information on:

New Market Garlic is Great Festival, Saturday August 16

Perth Garlic Festival, Perth Ont. Saturday August 9

www.perthgarlicfestival.com

Stratford Garlic Festival Saturday Sept 13

www.stratfordgarlicfestival.com

Growers Forum & Discussion & close

Lunch

Restaurants in town - Chinese, Italian, Dixie Lee, Tim's, general. First 2 are licensed.

Directions

Exit 401 at interchange 109 (Victoria Rd - Ridgetown, Thamesville). Go south 4 km to Ridgetown. As you enter town, the road curves to the west. Ridgetown Campus is on the right. Go in the main entrance (by the sign). Picnic shelter is ahead on right (timber frame building). If coming south on Highway 3, turn north at Morpeth (Hill Rd). At lights in Ridgetown, turn right and we are on the left.

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