



Garlic Growers Association of Ontario

Annual General Ontario Garlic Convention

(the 23rd year I think?)

Saturday Mar 21 2009

Woodstock OMAF office on highway 59, just north of Woodstock.

Coffee will be on at 9 am and meeting starting at 9:30.

A STELLAR GROUP OF SPEAKERS ON GARLIC ISSUES!!!!

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Stem & Bulb Nematodes

Have you pulled up a plant with the yellow - orange slime covering the root plate?

Garlic dies back mysteriously after scaping? Nematodes are not always the reason but there is a good chance these nasty critters had something to do with it.

The more garlic you grow this is a bigger factor every year.

Michael Celetti- Plant Pathologist – Hort. Crops OMAF

Michael has done research with crops that produce natural nematocides to assist with control of these critters. Michael will go over where they come from and some avenues for control.

Becky Hughes - New Liskeard Research Station Univ. of Guelph:

Becky and her team have are in production on the orders for clean seed received from the growers last fall. Becky will update us as to how the “baby bulbs” are doing, and what issues to consider in bringing them to the field.

John Zandstra - Research Horticulturist Ridgetown Campus Univ of Guelph

John has some of the 1st generation of Becky’s clean seed and has also done work on the allicin as a value added proposition for Ontario Growers. He is a remarkable resource on all garlic production questions.

Pat Crocker - *Garlic!* A Resource/Cookbook of Ontario Garlic

Pat will outline how your operation can benefit from being a part of this unique opportunity to promote Ontario Garlic in Cookbook partnership between her and the GGAO.

Summary of Proposed Cookbook

Garlic! (The cookbook) is to be a richly illustrated, full-colour, storybook/cookbook/resource book that showcases Ontario’s garlic along with Ontario’s garlic growers, producers, festivals, farms and farm markets. It features real-life and real-food photographs, narrative and recipes from award-winning cookbook author, Pat Crocker. It promotes the quality and varieties of garlic grown in Ontario through copy, recipes and photographs. It communicates healthy food choices in the recipes and their nutrient breakdown; in the sidebar material; and in the stories about garlic from the people that grow it. It provides practical information about buying, storing and cooking with Ontario garlic and garlic products. The cookbook brings to life the world of locally produced garlic and the people who grow it. Garlic! (The cookbook) supports and links individuals and communities across Ontario that is actively cultivating the local food movement.

Objectives

- Create consumer awareness of Ontario garlic quality and varieties
- Build consumer acceptance and demand for Ontario garlic
- Educate the media and the public on the health benefits of fresh Ontario garlic
- Inform consumers about how to use Ontario fresh garlic in preparing recipes and meals
- Influence people to buy Ontario garlic at supermarkets, farm markets, festivals and at the farm gate

Reach educators and the food and consumer media with a strong message and back-up resource tool to help them with lesson plans; to write stories about growing, harvesting and using fresh Ontario garlic.

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**In 2008 Loblaws & Sobeys went a little loco.. I mean local
showcasingOntario Garlic
2009 what about this year?**

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Garlic festival year 2 & what to look for in year 3

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Growers Forum & Questions

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The president of the Garlic Growers is nowa vice president of the OFA

Congrats Mark!!!

**The 2nd era of garlic gravy train in Ontario is about to begin
Show up and tell Mark where you need the road paved to your garlic
outhouse
and the address to mail the garlic program cheques to..... (joke)**

President's Garlic Blog

With the recent warm weather its time to look ahead to a new growing season.

We can hope that most of winter is over even though it's still February.

We will be having our Spring Meeting and AGM on Saturday march 21 2009 at the Woodstock OMAF office from 9am. It has been a bit of a challenge to find a date that worked for our presenters. Becky will be updating us on the clean seed program, Mike Celetti will give us a recent disease update, and as well we are hoping to have Pat Crocker present her Garlic Cookbook project.

As well we should have an update on recent proposed changes to the "Product of Canada" labelling. The Federal government are proposing that only products with 98% Canadian content could be labelled with Product of Canada. Anything else could have a "Made in Canada" or Packaged in Canada for" label. Sadly this effort appears doomed to failure as no processor can bother trying to guarantee 98% content. If they require any non-Canadian ingredients it will not be worth their effort to comply. All of Agriculture suggested 90% content as a practical, workable definition. Once again government has "consulted" and then not "listened" to what people were saying.

Anyhow by the AGM I will have just returned from the Canadian Horticultural Council AGM where this will be a lively topic of discussion.

Hopefully everyone is surviving our winter and the crop is just waiting to come through the ground at the end of March so that we can once again provide the best Garlic in the world for our customers. **I look forward to seeing many of you at the spring meeting.**

Regards Mark Wales

**See you out Saturday the 21 of March.
Any questions your Executive is listed here:**

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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 2008 -- # Pounds Planted = _____ on _____ acres

I'm interested in Clean Seed: _____ 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

OFA Lobbying

Membership Fee is \$50 per year