



Garlic Growers Association of Ontario

23rd Annual Field Day – Sunday, June 28th – 1 pm

Location – Alan Spicer (Port Burwell) & Mark Wales (Aylmer)

AGENDA:

- **Meet at Mark Wales 1 pm**, (directions below) - Travel to Al Spicer's plots
- On the way back to Mark's visit the Wind Turbine Interpretative Centre
- Mark Wales Garlic Tour

Discussions

- Clean Seed: allocation and disposition of this years clean seed clones.
- Farm Premise ID # is coming soon for traceability: Research dollars available for individual operations in need of this.
- ***Bulb & Stem Nematode presentation by Michael Celetti available at www.garlicgrowers.on.ca: **PLEASE VIEW VERY IMPORTANT!*****
- Updates on programs with The Chain stores
- Garlic Festivals are a great way to pick the lowest hanging fruit.. (the easiest sales) find out why they should be a part of your business plan and what is new.
- Growing questions & opinions
- End the afternoon with a BBQ @ ***"Wales Greenhouse of Fine Garlic"***
- Come to the Field Day and enjoy catching up with friends and colleagues.

*** RSVP for Barbeque to 519 773-7352, or walesfarm@hotmail.com - **by June 20*****

President's "State of the Allium Address":

As we fast approach the field day the weather seems to have finally decided to warm up. Planting of spring crops is late but in full swing. Strawberries sadly got beaten up by the frost a few days ago so the first ones are gone. The Garlic crops is merrily growing away and looking very healthy. As of course are the weeds! Scaping should be on schedule and so far

we have had plenty of spring moisture which certainly on the lighter soils is very key. I have cultivated several times already and we have done some hoeing as well. So we look forward to a good crop.

Demand for the local Ontario crop continues to be strong. I receive calls and e-mails every week from consumers wondering where they can get Ontario garlic. I urge them to be patient and watch the website for upcoming festivals and contact information for growers.

Planning for the festivals is well along and vendors are busy signing up. Garlic festivals and farmers markets continue to be a great way for us all to showcase and market our crop. I am still waiting for people to give me the names of stores that they know, that feature Ontario garlic in season. We were hoping to have this part of the website going so that consumers could support the stores that support us. Please send me any names you have.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the field day. In the meantime good luck planting. Cheers

Mark Wales, President GGAO Vice Pres. OFA 519 773 7352, walesfarm@hotmail.com

Directions to Field Day

To Mark Wales

From the 401- take exit # 203 (Elgin Road 73), formerly highway 73.

- Follow it south 20 kms. to Aylmer, go straight thru on the same highway another 10 km south to the farm at 5484 Imperial Road

To Al Spicer's

From the 401- take the Tillsonburg (Hwy 19) exit, and go south all the way to Port Burwell. note- there is a slight dogleg in Tillsonburg, so follow the signs for Hwy 19.

- when you reach Port Burwell, then turn right and cross the bridge on to the "Nova Scotia Line", and proceed to 55429 "Nova Scotia Line" watch for Al's homemade signs.

Lost??... Call 519-773-6706

Enclosed is an Event card for the Stratford Garlic Festival.

Where can you place them, or what ideas for places or events should we place them?

Think of places like: your regular farmers market, a local food event, a great retail foodie outlet that supports local food, a nursery, a tourist booth in your area, a great craft shop.

Just send your ideas to warren@augustsharvest.com or toll free 877 272 1742.

Thanks



Garlic Growers Association of Ontario

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 2009 -- # 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

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