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Ontario Garlic Farmers Are Coming To Toronto

- Ontario garlic farmers, food and garlic lovers, urban gardeners, herbalists, chefs and amateur cooks will meet and mingle in the pavilion at Brick Works -

The question often asked by Toronto food lovers, "*Where can I get local garlic?*" has not been an easy one to answer, until now.

On Sunday, September 25, 2011 Ontario garlic farmers will sell their fresh harvested garlic at the Toronto Garlic Festival. It's a rare chance for Torontonians to meet Ontario garlic farmers and buy unusual and heirloom varieties with exotic names like Spanish Roja, Czech Broadleaf and Choparsky. Visitors will be greeted by the aroma of garlic-infused food as Toronto chefs offer their specialties from Thai, French, Italian, Mexican and other cuisines. "*It's a meet and greet and cook and eat,*" says [Toronto Garlic Festival](#) founder Peter McClusky.

Festival goers can participate in cooking demonstrations, and learn how to cook with garlic, and master gardeners will be on hand to talk about how to grow garlic. Information will also be available on the health benefits of garlic, including its antioxidant properties and ability to reduce cholesterol levels.

Mark Wales, President of the [Garlic Growers Association of Ontario](#) sees the garlic festival as a step in the right direction for farmers and consumers. He says, "*It's encouraging to see another opportunity for Ontario consumers to meet face to face with Ontario garlic growers who as we all know produce the best, freshest and healthiest garlic in the world. I hope to see many of you there on what will be a day of enjoying the benefits of Ontario garlic.*"

With its commitment to bridging the gap between people and nature [Evergreen Brick Works](#) is an ideal venue for the garlic festival. Brick Works Event Planner Wendy Gamble says, "*Garlic that has arrived in a shipping container from all four corners of the world can never be as good as the garlic grown closer to home by our own neighbors.*"

In the months leading up to the festival garlic-themed events around Toronto will be announced.

The Toronto Garlic Festival will be held at the pavilion at Evergreen Brick Works, 550 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, from 9 am to 4 pm, September 25th. Admission is \$5 per adult. Free admission for children under 12. There are bike and foot paths to the garlic festival and a free shuttle bus from Broadview subway station. Paid parking is available at the festival site. Festival information and updates are available at www.TorontoGarlicFestival.ca.

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