

these new entries. The New Jersey State Fair serves as a central agricultural demonstration venue for northern New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York and is attended by over 200,000 people annually.

Master Gardener volunteers offered braiding demonstrations at the Garden State Garlic Group's Garlic Gathering held at Olde Lafayette Village in Lafayette, New Jersey on October 6, 2002. The live demonstration provided an educational and entertaining component to this open air community farmers market. Festival attendees received copies of the Sussex County Master Gardener publication "A Touch of Garlic". This eight-page recipe booklet contains recipes in which garlic is a main ingredient. Volunteers at the demonstration noted that many attendees were interested in purchasing loose garlic bulbs rather than finished braids in order to take with them and fashion their own braids.

The cooperative efforts between the Garden State Garlic Group and Master Gardeners of Sussex County greatly supported the mission of Rutgers Cooperative Extension by:

- Identifying projects that support and encourage agricultural viability.
- Educate consumers from non-farm backgrounds of the opportunities and challenges for production agriculture in areas of increasing urbanization.
- Reaffirm the role of Cooperative Extension as an educational institution that continues to improve the lives of its clientele through innovative agricultural programming.

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