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Garrison Brewing harvests hops from three fields to craft a truly local ale

Halifax, NS - Sept. 2, 2010 – Garrison Brewing Co. is taking the trend of eating (and drinking) local very seriously. Brewmaster Daniel Girard and his staff travelled to farms in Ashdale and New Ross on Tuesday to harvest hops for their latest seasonal beer.

"We're all pumped with great excitement," Girard says of the new venture. "The *wet* or *fresh* hops impart a more subtle fragrance and bitterness than the processed version normally available. They're a pleasure to work with!"

Hops were harvested from Ross Farm Museum in New Ross, Meander River Farm in Ashdale and Happy Hopyard Farm in Saint John, New Brunswick. Ross Farm Museum's farm manager Barry Hiltz has been tending the vines of Cascade and Willamette hops since they were planted last June. Alan, Brenda and Fraser Bailey of Meander River Farm played a large part in the harvest and transport of hops from Hants County to the Halifax brewery. Members of Happy Hopyard Farm were picking all day, delivering the hop cones to Garrison late on Monday.

This is the result of two years of hard work, involving the planting of an experimental hopyard at Ross Farm. "Going field to kettle to bottle like this is pretty unique," says Garrison President Brian Titus. "Just like picking grapes for ice wine and fiddleheads, it only happens once a year."

This is the first wet-hopped beer to be bottled in the Maritimes. It should be available for purchase by late September. For more information, visit: www.garrisonbrewing.com.

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About Garrison Brewing

Garrison Brewing Company is an award-winning independent microbrewery located in the Halifax Seaport. They produce distinctive, unpasteurized, all-natural ales in small batches. Now in its 13th year, Garrison distributes craft beer throughout the Maritimes in bottled and draught format.



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