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A Garlic Year to Remember

The Garlic News will summarize the reports on garlic crops in this past Super El Nino year in a special article this fall. If you have a crop report or a special weather occurrence that affected your garlic, please send it in. We'll try and include as complete a picture of what happened across Canada.