

**Seed Saving and Characterization Workshop**  
**Plant Genetic Resources Unit**

Geneva, NY  
September 13 – 14, 2004

**Workshop:**

USDA's Plant Genetic Resources Unit in Geneva, NY hosted a two-day workshop dedicated to seed saving and characterization. There were 5 attendants in addition to the PSI and USDA staff. Day 1 was dedicated to lectures about the USDA's Plant Genetic Resources Unit. A field tour was given as well as characterization demonstrations in an heirloom tomato field plot. Another field tour at Wellington Farm was given to discuss isolation techniques, plot layout, and field preparation. Day 2 was dedicated solely to seed cleaning. All participants from day 1 returned to clean seed on day 2.

**Itinerary:**

**Schedule Day 1**

9:00 am.....Registration  
9:30 am.....Introduction of the Plant Genetic Resources Unit (Larry Robertson,  
Vegetable Curator)  
10:15 am.....Seed Crops Greenhouse discussion and tour (Paul Kisly,  
Greenhouse Manager)  
11:00 am.....Tour of Seed Crops Anteroom (John Oughterson, Ag. Science  
Research Technician)  
11:30 am.....LUNCH on your own  
1: 00 pm.....New York State Seed Lab Tour and discussion (Ellen Chirco, NYS  
Seed Testing Laboratory)  
2:00 pm.....Seed Crops Genetics Laboratory Tour (Joanne Labate, Genetics  
Lab Manager)  
2:30 pm.....Vegetable Crops at the PGRU (Dave Sharman, Field Manager)  
3:00 pm.....Field Tour at Wellington Farm including tomato characterization,  
isolation, the apiary and more with Bill Garman (Ag. Science Research  
Technician)  
4:00 pm .....Wellington Barn Tour (if time allows)  
4:30 pm .....Adjourn

**Schedule Day 2**

9:00 am.....Registration  
9:30 am.....Aspects of Seed Production (Michael Glos, NOFA – NY)  
10:15 am.....Seed Cleaning at Wellington Farm OR Characterization with  
PGRU Staff  
4:00 pm.....Adjourn