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Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

It's a beautiful morning at the farm -- the sun is shining and there's just a nip in the air. With the morning temperatures in the mid-50s, the windows aren't open as wide as they have been and no fans are blowing in cooler air. Fall is definitely on the way -- the light is at a different angle now and we need headlamps to finish up our evening chores. Farming -- or any kind of outside work -- gives you the opportunity to really observe these changes. By being outside most of the day, one becomes much more aware of the passing of the seasons. That's one of the great things about farming!



## **Way Cool!**

Another great thing about farming is having things to fix and a l-o-n-g list of projects (Mr. Fix-It's dream job!). Some days it's greater than others! One of this week's projects is putting in a new cooling unit for our walk-in cooler. Our walk-in is an Army surplus field cooler built in 1982. We purchased it in 2011 and it has been running almost nonstop since then.

A neat thing about our walk-in is that the cooling unit is not the typical cooler. Most traditional walk-ins have large coolers that use lots of coolant and electricity, have lots of fans and need a lot of space -- and are extremely expensive to buy and run! We use a basic window air conditioner fitted with something called a "CoolBot". The [Coolbot](#) is a controller that bypasses the air conditioner's temperature controls and will let the air conditioner lower the temperature to 34 degrees. It's pretty neat technology!

Our system has worked great for 10 years but the air conditioning unit needed to be replaced. It was a bit undersized when we installed it and the load of working so much over the past decade was beginning to take its toll. The good news is that we will be able to use the AC unit in our new walk-in at the Star since it won't require such a low temperature and will be in a more sheltered environment.

So with our new AC unit in hand and an electrical upgrade, Ray and the team went to work to get the old unit out and the new one in. We're halfway there now and hopefully by this afternoon, the cooler will be humming again!



### **Fall Plant Sale on Sunday!**

Don't forget that our 2nd annual Fall Plant Sale is **Sunday, September 12 from 1-5**. We'll have lots of fall plants ready to go in your garden along with Seed Garlic and Soil Amendments. [Click here for a list of plants](#). You can also order Strawberry plants for pick-up in October -- fall is when you need to plant strawberries for your spring harvest.

Sunday is supposed to be a beautiful day so stop by the farm and get the only Certified Organic transplants in the area and get your garden off to a great start!



### **Mobsters Wanted!**



We could use a few more folks to help with our **Crop Mob on Monday (9/13) from 8:30-1**. We'll be cutting the old canes off the blackberry plants and as they say -- many hands make light work! We'll provide tools, water and lunch and all you need to do is be able to bend (or kneel) to cut the thornless canes off the plants. Our Crop Mobs are always a lot of fun and you'll learn something about blackberries to boot! To join the fun, just click on the "Sign Up Now!" button below. We'd love to see you on Monday!

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And speaking of September 13th, that is [National Peanut Day!](#) It's a very special day here at Plum Granny Farm because this farm runs on peanuts (well, I guess it's 3rd in line after coffee and bread....)! Peanuts were on our to-grow list this year but it never quite happened. A few years ago we grew our first tiny test crop and it was amazing to see and eat. Here's to MORE peanuts in 2022!



**Remember to please get your COVID shot, wear a mask in indoor public places, and be kind. By working together we can get past this new COVID surge!**

**Until next Friday,  
*Cheryl & Ray***