



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

Oh, the frightful things of Halloween. Scary cats, anyone?



Didn't think so...



Better? Nah.



Closer!



How about a scary tree?

We really don't get into the huge inflatable Halloween decorations around here. But trust us, there's plenty of scary stuff lurking around. Armies of aphids, dozens of deer, generations of groundhogs -- all things that strike fear into the heart of a farmer.

But some of the scary stuff is quite helpful. There's a platoon of spiders working overtime from summer to frost to decorate the boxwoods and the front porch and the greenhouse. These scary creatures do great pest control (I wonder if they could catch a deer in their web?)



We'll let nature take care of our décor. Now, should we buy a bag of candy?

Shear Magic!

Monday was shearing day and Tony and BB were sure amped up for the occasion. We have never had such a difficult time catching those two before. Tony dashed out of the paddock when we were leading BB out and promptly knocked Cheryl over. In the kerfuffle, BB managed to slip out of her halter. So we had two sheep running around in the main pasture plus a donkey and a barn kitten -- what a show!

After a game of 4 on 2, We were finally able to round them both up into the 2nd paddock and catch Tony. Whew! That was a day's work!

Then Laura could work her magic with the clippers....



BB got to spend some time with our newest resident of the barn, Barney. She's not quite sure what she thinks about this thing -- she still likes Gesti better.



Sweet Potato Finale!



The final numbers are in! The last of the Garnet were harvested on Monday --

440 pounds! That brings our total 2021 Sweet Potato harvest to 3,515 pounds! Not too shabby!

And they are flying out of here too! This formerly full crate of potatoes now has only about 1/3 left.



We have sweet potatoes, roasted green chile and a LOT more on our [webstore](#). It has been updated and is ready for orders for pick-up at the farm on Wednesday or at Cobblestone on Saturday, November 6.

More Barnyard Fun

Tuesday was a special day around here. It was Mia's Birthday! She is now 3 years old -- hard to believe! It is so great to see how she and Cara still enjoy spending time together -- especially when there is food involved or just a nice day lounging in the pasture.



That's all we've got for this week. Wishing you and yours a Happy Halloween and Dia de los Muertos!



Remember to please get your COVID shot (and a booster if you need it) and keep wearing a mask in indoor public places. And don't forget to be kind.

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

