



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Welcome December!
We missed you last week! But we took a little break to spend with family and to celebrate Thanksgiving and a special birthday. Cheryl's nephew and his family were visiting from Houston so we had a big gathering to celebrate the day. Moments like these are pretty rare and we need to take advantage of them.



Before the Big Day, we prepared 106 Thanksgiving PlumFresh bags that went out to our members on Saturday and Tuesday. These were super special (and heavy!) bags that gave our members some delicious essentials for celebrating the Holidays. It was all hands on deck to get these orders out -- we even had to enlist Cheryl's grandniece Sydney to help pack!



Strawberry Fields Forever

Okay, break time is over! This week we have been focusing on getting strawberries in the ground. Yes, it's late but we decided to focus on getting the garlic planted first since the field was ready. Sometimes you have to make decisions like that in farming. There's never enough time to get it all done.

But before planting, there are several steps that must happen: 1) get the landscape fabric on the beds; 2) burn the holes for planting and 3) make sure that the irrigation is working properly and is getting the soil moist. Steps 1 and 2 are pretty labor intensive -- but the bed is now covered and the holes are being burned as we speak. Planting will begin this afternoon!



Farm Walk

Let's take a quick walk around to see what else has been happening on the farm this week:



The garlic is doing very well. This is a clove of Inchelium Red which was planted on November 17. See how long the roots are already? The growing tip had not emerged from the soil but it will in about 3 weeks or so. Garlic spends most of its first month after planting putting down roots so that it is well-anchored in the soil. We are irrigating it now since it has been so dry.

Bye bye, peppers. We appreciate all of your hard work! It's always so sad to see crumpled, freeze-killed plants.



Luna and Hoover are really enjoying their new lives exploring the

farm. They are finding ALL the best places to nap!



Luna is learning that he can fit into the most unlikely places!

That does it for this week's news! We are starting to get into the Holiday spirit around here. The lights went up on the sign and the Moravian Star was hung on the porch last Sunday. Tonight we'll kick off the Season with [TubaChristmas!](#) That's always such a special -- and unusual treat! Maybe we'll see some of you there?

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We also want to take a moment to wish our friends who celebrate Hanukkah a blessed holiday! Sending wishes of light, laughter, and love to you and yours this Hanukkah.

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***