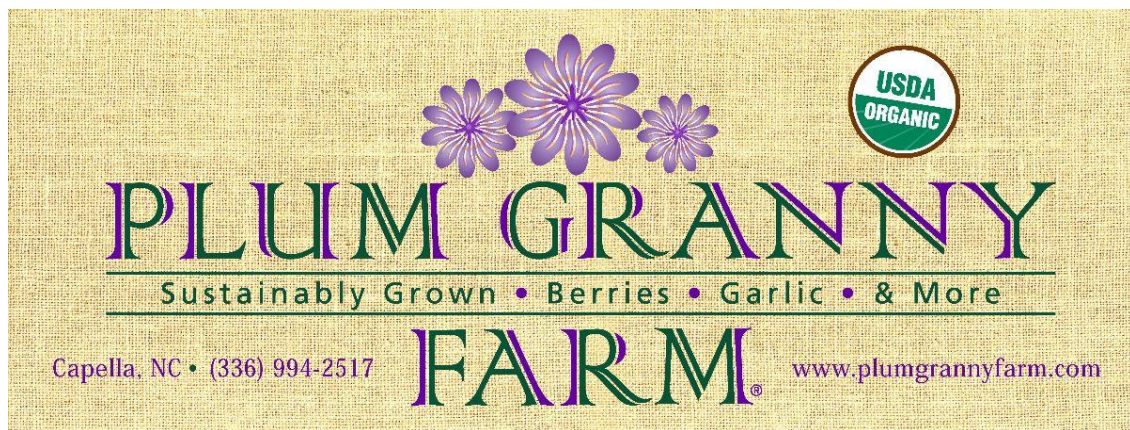


**POP-UP ALERT! We'll be popping up at Cobblestone tomorrow with lots of fresh Organic veggies! Cukes, sweet potatoes, potatoes and LOTS MORE! Details below.**

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Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

Interesting week around the farm. We started it off on Sunday with our first Covid scare (1 employee positive, the rest of us tested negative) We are grateful that the employee that had Covid had a fairly mild case and will be able to return work next week. And we are also very happy that the rest of us were negative! Whew -- what a relief!

But in the meantime, we got the rest of the strawberries planted and even added a bed of kale for good measure. First, Ray had to finish up burning the holes in the landscape fabric. The really high winds that we've been having over the past week have been creating extra challenges with things like burning holes or laying landscape fabric or stretching out big sails of fabric! We finally got a bit of calm on Sunday so it was go-time.



You might as well have some fun while you are working on a Sunday, right?



Here Jonny and Cheryl are finishing up planting the last of the strawberries on Wednesday. We have the beds covered in a field blanket not only as a protection from the cold but mostly as a protection from deer. Deer are much less likely to go after a crop that is covered than they will a crop that is not -- especially something like strawberries.

The field blanket is a stand-in for the high tunnel that will be constructed over the planting sometime this winter. We are adding another large high tunnel to our mix (34' x 96') and it will be perfect for strawberries, tomatoes and more! We are grateful for the support of the [Natural Resources and Conservation Service](#) (NRCS) and their [EQIP High Tunnel System Initiative](#). Thanks to their cost share support, we'll be able to build this tunnel to

help us produce crops that are more climate resilient.

NRCS along with [Stokes Soil and Water Conservation District](#) have both been important partners ever since we moved back to the farm in 2009. Their support has been very instrumental in helping us improve the quality of the soil and water and to help us become better stewards of the land.

### **We're Back! Cobblestone This Saturday!**

You'll find us popping up at [Cobblestone Farmers Market](#) with a plethora of Organic delights for your Holiday (and pre-Holiday) meals.

Have you ever seen a Cucumber Christmas Tree?....



Well, we'll be bringing oodles of these tasty Organic Snacking Cucumbers along with Sweet Potatoes (Burgundy and Garnet), our Famous Potato Bar (5 varieties of spuds plus Creamers and Teeny Tiny Taters!), Roasted Green Chile, Escarole, Frisse, Lunchbox Peppers, Sweet Peppers (seasonally appropriate Red and Green), Swiss Chard and Seminole Heirloom Winter Squash.

You'll also find Garlic Powder, Garlic Granules and Ginger Powder -- we know you've got a lot of cooking to do in the next few weeks!



And Surprise! We'll also have a small amount of our coveted JAM! We found a few jars when we were rearranging the market room recently! We've got Baby Ginger-Strawberry-Mint and Raspberry-Baby Ginger in the gift-size jars.



Cobblestone is open from 8:30-noon. It's located at 1007 S. Marshall Street at the intersection of Marshall and Salem Avenue. We're not sure where our space will be so check at the Information Booth to find out! We look forward to seeing you there!

That's got it covered for this week. We've been doing our best to get in the Holiday Spirit. Our Santa hats have been getting some good use. We had a grand time at [TubaChristmas](#) last Friday. This year's concert featured members of the Salem Band Tuba Quartet and the guest conductor was the [Salem Band](#) Director, Eileen Brown.



Next up was our annual trip to [Mitchell's Greenhouse and Nursery](#) in King to see their amazing poinsettia display. They grew over 12,000 poinsettias this year -- 96 varieties overall! They are one of the few [poinsettia variety trial sites](#) in the country -- right here in our back yard. A special thing that Mitchell's does is that they have their visitors vote on their favorite varieties - not an easy task! But this information goes back to the poinsettia breeders who determine if a variety is a hit or a dud. Voting ends today (December 10) but they still have lots of poinsettias and other Holiday plants available!



Take a moment this weekend and step outside at sunset. When you look to the west, you'll see a ["Conjunction" of planets](#) -- Jupiter, Saturn and Venus -- along with the crescent moon. Don't forget to look up!

***Take the time to make your own Holiday Magic.***

**Until next Friday,**

***Cheryl & Ray***