

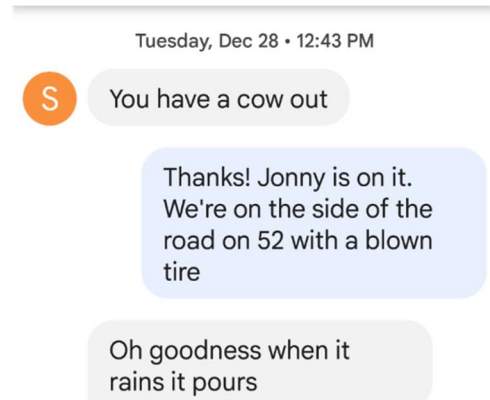


Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

We are delighted to be back in your inboxes after our Holiday break! We hope you had a relaxing time with friends and family, doing some of your favorite things. We definitely have enjoyed our break -- trying to squeeze in as much Holiday cheer as possible during the last weeks of the year.



Although, it wasn't all fun and pretty lights...a quick trip to Lowes in Mount Airy for plywood to repair Brix's hutch turned into a bit more than we bargained for....



But thankfully, everything ended well. We got the tire replaced without incident and Jonny and Amanda were able to get Cara and Mia back into the pasture safely. Whew!

Speaking of Brix's hutch, this was the first construction project of the new year. The OSB siding that we put up about 6 years ago had seen better days. Water had started rotting the bottoms of the panels and they were letting in more rain and wind. The shed was becoming less and less of a shelter, so the time had come to replace it.



As is the case with most repair projects (they take longer and cost more), this one was no exception. We also had to replace a couple of the posts that had rotted as well as the tarp roof which we thought was in pretty good shape. But now, Brix has a hutch that Seabiscuit would be proud of!



Good Ol' NC Weather!

We hope you fared okay with the storm on Sunday night and Monday morning. We had some minor issues here but all in all everything was fine. One of the high tunnels had a bit of damage to the doors and the field blanket blew off of the strawberries. Oh, and the porta-john blew over!

The hardest thing was getting used to to the dramatic temperature shift. Sunday afternoon it was 77 degrees and on Monday, we had a high in the low 30s! And the wind was a beast!



That does it for this week's news! Let's enjoy the beginning of the New Year and the opportunities that it brings. While we are definitely in a mood to look forward and plan for the coming season, we've been doing a lot of reflection of the past year as well. While 2021 was not everything we had hoped for, it still brought us joy, laughter and things that made us stop and smile. Let's work on having more of those in 2022, shall we?



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**Until next Friday,
Cheryl & Ray**