



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Happy March!

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Did you hear it?

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Yep, I distinctly heard the sound of another month zipping past!



March has arrived. We can't hide and pretend that we still have a lot of Winter left to get all of our winter tasks complete. It's Go Time!

For those of you who have been reading these newsletters for a while, you know that we have a special name for March: **Command Month**. More than any month of the year, March tells us what to do. It's the Drill Sergeant of the calendar.



So, in accordance with the demands of this Bossy month, we've been busy this week!

We continue to get beds and fields prepped for planting. It will be so nice to have beds to pop plants into when the plants are ready! We are also getting more crops in the ground. All of the onions and bulb shallots are now planted. We are experimenting with planting them in landscape fabric this year. Last year we trialed some Red Tropea onions in the fabric and it was very successful -- far less weeding! Here's hoping that this year's bulb onions will do as well.

Snap peas and snow peas also went into the ground this week! We still have more to plant in this first succession, but we've got about 400 feet tucked into the ground! I sure can't wait to taste those first peas! YUM!



These young plants are waiting in the wings to get planted -- they are getting toughened up a bit with the wind and sun.



The greenhouse is still the hub of so much activity. Seeding is a daily task, and the greenhouse cucumbers were planted this week. Alex got the chance to plant his first round of cukes!



We also continue to get things ready for our Plant Sales. Lots of seedlings are already popping up and growing quickly for our **Spring Plant Sale** which will be on **March 25-26**. Cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, kale and LOTS more will be available to help you kick off your cool season garden. We'll be publishing a list of the plants available in the next week or so.

We are also trying something new with strawberries for the sale. We found these beautiful, glazed Strawberry Pots and thanks to Super-Volunteer Maggie,

they are planted with some of our everbearing strawberries! These will fill out to make a tasty and gorgeous container for your porch or deck!



As the days get warmer (yay!), it was time to get the ceiling out of the greenhouse. The ceiling saved SO much propane (and \$\$\$) but now that we have more seedlings, the little plants needed more light. Jonny, Alex and Ray knocked that task out yesterday morning! And even wrapped up the task with a few push-ups!





Got Strawberries?



You will have strawberries (and asparagus and blackberries and....) if you join *PlumFresh* this year! The only way that many of our highly sought-after crops will be distributed this year is through our Harvest Subscription program.

PlumFresh is FLEXIBLE. You can customize your bag, skip a week if you are out of town and pay as you go. Our customer-centered approach to Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) has won lots of satisfied members and we have one of the highest member retention rates of any CSA program in the country! This year we have added some new options including an Egg Share!

Registration is now underway, and we are filling up fast -- we are already 75% full! And *PlumFresh* always sells out! There are SIX pick-up options (including

home or office delivery). For more information about the program [click here](#). Ready to sign up? Here's the [link to register](#) now.

Let us be YOUR farmer this year!



That's what we've got for this week. Get out and enjoy the beautiful weekend! We've been soaking up the sunshine this week and have a few more days to enjoy it before the rain comes in next week.

And don't forget to stop and smell the flowers!



Remember to be kind, love your neighbor and pray for Peace.

Until next week,

Cheryl & Ray
