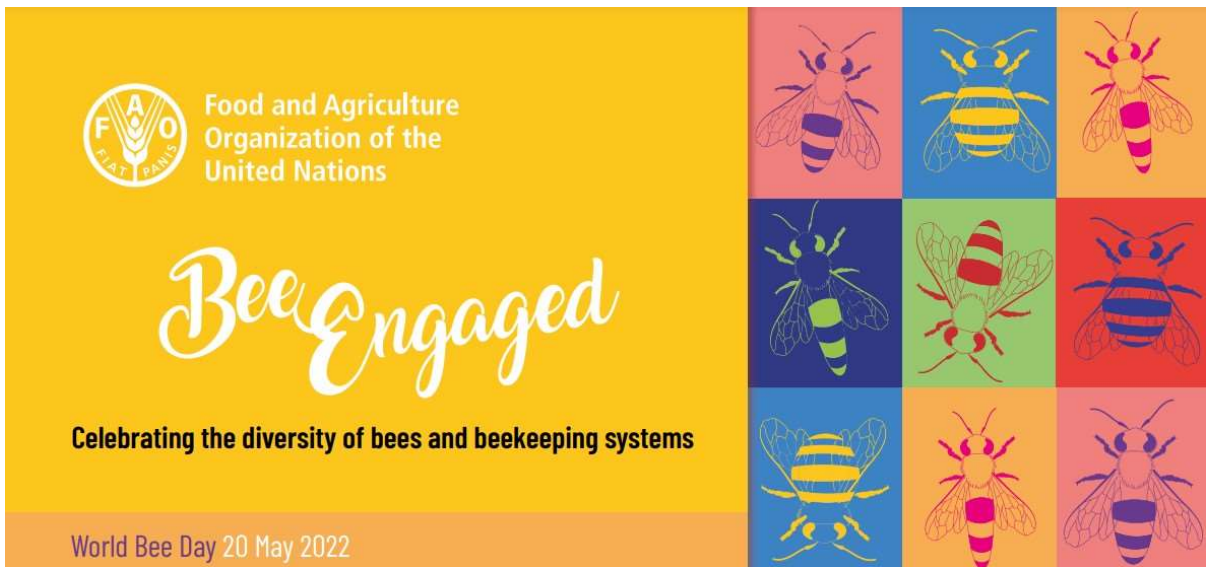




Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Happy World Bee Day!



As farmers (and beekeepers), it's pretty exciting to learn that today is [World Bee Day](#)! This is a relatively new initiative of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. The UN was encouraged by many international organizations and especially [Slovenian beekeepers](#) who wanted to honor Anton Janša, considered to be the founder of modern beekeeping.

The first World Bee Day was celebrated in 2018. Boštjan Noč, the initiator of World Bee Day, believed it is vital to set aside one day so that the international community can rally around the important role of bees in providing food security:

“To talk about reducing world hunger without ensuring conditions for the existence of bees and other pollinators is to pull the wool over people’s eyes. It is time for everyone to listen to bees, in particular leaders and decision-makers. From now on, 20 May will be a worldwide celebration of bees and beekeepers. I believe that with the proclamation of World Bee Day, the world will begin to think more broadly about bees, in particular in the context of ensuring the conditions for their survival, and thus for the survival of the human race.”

So, if you've eaten today, thank a bee. Three out of four crops across the globe producing fruits, or seeds for use as human food depend, at least in part, on bees and other pollinators.



Greener Pastures Ahead!

Cara and Mia and Brix decided to kick the week off in fine form -- they heard that Organic Valley might need more footage of cows running out to new pasture (not sure they'd need a donkey, but you never can tell!) We moved them into the front pasture which was pretty lush -- they went a little nuts. They'd eat a bit and then run around a bit. Maybe they were just trying to pack in as much grass as

possible!

They mowed it down pretty well in 4 days -- didn't want them to cut the grass too close -- so we've moved them back to more meager portions. Brix was definitely getting her belly back so it was time for her to have slightly more restricted food options. She offers a different opinion on the subject!





Remember Those Carrots?

A couple of months ago we told you about our carrot planting that we almost abandoned. We decided to go ahead and weed the high tunnel to see if we could save the crop. Well, save it we did! We've hauled out oodles of carrots -- well over 200 pounds out of 2 beds! And boy, they are delicious!



Another crop that we are pretty pumped about is Snap Peas! We have a pretty large planting of both snap peas and snow peas this spring. Today's harvest was over 100 pounds! Maybe I can save half for me?!?



We're in the process of switching up some plantings -- our spring cucumber crop went bye-bye last week since the spider mites and cucumber beetles had discovered them. Never fear...we got more planted in the greenhouse over the weekend. Gotta keep those snacking cucumbers coming for their adoring fans!



In addition to getting cucumber bags ready, we've been getting bags ready for our big ginger planting. Team Plum Granny had an assembly line in place for mixing coir with fertilizer and filling the grow bags. Impressive!



Last Call for Ginger Workshop!

Speaking of ginger, if you've ever wanted to grow some at home, now's your chance. We're offering a workshop this **Sunday, May 22 from 2-4.**

We've got lots of experience growing this sometimes-temperamental rhizome and you can benefit from our trials and errors. [Here is a link](#) to the registration form for

this workshop. The cost is \$35 and includes classroom instruction plus hands-on planting of a ginger plant to take home.



Please note that if you register for the workshops, your registration is a commitment to attend. Payment is required before the class (credit card payment is available). We put a lot of time into preparing for these classes and want to make sure that everyone that registers attends!

Popping Up at Cobblestone Tomorrow!

We'll be back at Cobblestone tomorrow and are looking forward to seeing our dear Market friends! We'll be bringing our highly sought-after **Ever-bearing Strawberry Hanging Baskets!**



We'll also have potted **Blackberry and Raspberry Plants** and a variety of **herbs** including Holy Basil, Spicy Bush Basil, Sweet Thai Basil, Italian Parsley, Spearmint

and more.

On the produce side of things, it's Scape season!



We'll have our famous garlic scapes along with some of those delectable Carrots, Tokyo Bekana, Pac Choi, Tokyo Bekana and MORE!

Please stop by and say hello! We love seeing your smiling faces at market! The market is open from 8:30-noon and is located at 1007 South Marshall Street.

That's what we've got for this week! While today is World Bee Day, tomorrow is (coincidentally?) [Eat More Fruits and Vegetables Day!](#) As farmers, that's another day that we can get excited about!

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

**Until next week,
*Cheryl & Ray***

