



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

We hope your week has been a great one and that you are staying cool. We're doing our best here, but we are also checking off some items on the to-do list. That always feels SO good!

One item that had to get done was one of those mutually beneficial tasks. Our friends J and Connee French at Felsbeck Farm grow sweet corn -- we get their delicious corn for our *PlumFresh* subscription program. Their harvest for the season was finished and it was time to clear the field. J needed to get the stalks out -- and we wanted to get some food for our animals. Perfect match, huh?

J usually cuts the stalks with a bushhog and then plows them under. So, he was delighted when we told him that we would cut the corn and carry it away. Cow fast-food, you know.

Sophie got really excited when we told her that she could use a machete to cut down the stalks. Better not cross her if she has a machete in her hand -- she knows how to use it!



The cows and sheep thought that was a couple hours well-spent -- although they offered to go over to Felsbeck and take care of it themselves! They don't want to be a bother, you know!





### **Tater Time!**

We started our potato harvest this week and while we don't have record yields, it's still pretty respectable. We dug the earlier potatoes -- Nicola and Plum Gold -- along with some LaRatte fingerling potatoes. They should have been harvested a couple of weeks ago, but the field was pretty soggy from the 4" of rain we got 2 weeks ago. Those conditions pretty much made the task impossible. The great thing about potato harvest is that it is always a bit like an Easter Egg hunt -- buried treasure!





### War on Weeds Week

Things were getting pretty shaggy around here -- and with a break in our *PlumFresh* schedule, we had the time to devote to doing some summer field cleaning. You can almost hear the soil and plants breathing a sigh of relief! Check out these before and after pictures!





### Think Fall!

It's kinda hard to wrap your brain around, but now is the time to think about planting your Fall Garden! And for us, that means that it's time to be in the greenhouse seeding! Greenhouses are brutal places once it heats up -- on a sunny day, it can easily top 120 degrees by noon. So the task requires getting in there early and getting out no later than 11.

We are getting ready for our own crops but also for our **Fall Plant Sale on Sunday, August 28**. We'll have a wide variety of cool season plants for your garden -- kale, lettuce, cabbage, collards and LOTS more! Stay tuned for more details as well as a full list of what will be available!



That's all we've got for this week! Here's a refreshing note to go out on -- today is [National Hammock Day](#)! With this heat, we just need to find ourselves a

shady spot with a hammock, don't you think? Cheryl's brother, Larry, could always find a nice cool place for a quick snooze!



If you don't have a hammock, just find a cool spot with a nice breeze to chill out for a while this weekend. Sounds like it's gonna be a hot one!

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**Stay cool and hydrate!**

**Until next week,**

***Cheryl & Ray***

