



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

Here we are in the middle of Arrgh-ust! The Dog Days of Summer are now behind us. [According to the stars](#), they ended yesterday but that doesn't mean that the Summer Swelter is over. We'll keep hydrating, starting our days really early, and enjoying the patch of cool breeze at the greenhouse fan. We call this Farmer Air Conditioning!



Despite the heat and humidity, Team Plum Granny has had a very productive week!

So. Many. Weeds.

We've been trying to tackle some pretty dense weeds in one of our fields. It has always had a problem with timothy grass and fescue -- because, unfortunately we let it go to seed too often. This year, thanks to our Dazzling Duo of Jonny and Elise, we've made the most progress ever. The Before and After pictures are incredible!



And sometimes, you find unexpected friends in the weeds. Jonny always seems to be a magnet for turtles, snakes and toads...



Thanks again to Jonny and Elise for tackling this daunting task! They celebrated by planting beans in one bed and planning additional beans and snow peas for 2 others. Can't let this hard work go to waste!

But it wasn't all weeding, all the time this week. We got lots of harvesting done as well!



And LOTS of tomato tending -- we are getting ready for the tomato tidal wave!



The Little Tree That Could

We have a little tree with a great history. It's a peach tree. Its mother was a tree in our yard when we lived in Albuquerque, and she was pretty old for a peach tree (they typically live only about 15 years or so). But she produced

amazing peaches every September for the nearly 20 years that we were there. We loved those peaches so much that we took a cutting (scion), and had it grafted so that we could bring that tree with us when we moved back to the farm in 2009.

Flash forward 13 years, and our little sapling is doing great. We don't spray it and we prune it to thin out the branches and to keep it short. And we also try to protect the blooms from freezes in the spring. Remember this?



This little tree consistently produces some nice peaches. But this year is exceptional -- we have gotten over 150 peaches from this one little tree! And they are big, juicy peaches! We are so happy with our Little-Tree -That-Could - - and we are filling our freezer with promises of delicious smoothies in the months to come!



That's all for this week! Enjoy the slight respite in heat. And don't forget to catch a glimpse of the 2nd night of the [Sturgeon Full Moon](#). This moon is the last [Supermoon of 2002](#) -- it put on quite a show last night (did you see how it was lighting up the clouds around it?) and this morning!

Stay cool and don't forget to hydrate!

Until next week,

Cheryl & Ray
