



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Happy September -- and welcome to Meteorological Fall!



We are definitely starting to see signs of Autumn, from the dogwood trees' berries to the shifting sunlight and shorter days. Even though there are still 20 more days until the official beginning of Fall, we want to savor all the sunshine and warmth that we can. If the Old Farmers Almanac [winter predictions](#) are true, sounds like we had better appreciate the warmth while we have it!

Plant Sale Success!

So much gratitude to all of you who visited us last weekend for our Fall Plant Sale! Thanks to you, it was our best Fall Plant Sale ever! It was great to have the opportunity to talk with folks about their yards and gardens and how they are adding more veggies every year. Yes!



It's an honor to be part of the process of growing food for your families! We are so grateful for your trust in us to grow great plants for you.

Attention Vampires! Garlic Workshop Ahead!



There was SO much interest in seed garlic at the Plant Sale -- lots of folks headed straight for that display! We kept hearing about underwhelming crops and not the best experience growing this magical crop. And we are here to help! Join us on **Sunday, October 9 from 2-5** for our hands-on workshop that will give you the advantage of our 14 years of experience. This is always one of our most popular workshops and it usually sells out! The class fee is \$40 and it includes all instruction, handouts and 1/2 pound of seed garlic. [Click here](#) for the registration form. The workshop is limited to 10 participants so you'd better sign up soon!

A Lil' Zap Will Do Ya!

For readers who have been with us for the past couple of months (years!), you know the trouble we've had with deer. Lots. Of. Deer. Ray flushed 9 out of one of our hay fields last night.

They've been in strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, kale, lettuce -- you name it, they've eaten it. Well, that is everything but alliums. They are not a fan of munching on garlic, onions, shallots, chives.... Good thing for us!

But one of the most favorite deer treats is sweet potato greens. Every year we fight and struggle and go to absurd lengths to protect this crop. Remember the tulle netting?



And the fun we had putting it on the struggling vines?



This year we decided that tulle was not enough. It was time to bring out the big guns -- electricity! We had electrified the top line but that still wasn't doing the trick. Daily scouting of the field and following the tracks pointed to the source. It turns out that the little Houdinis were crawling UNDER the fence to get in! Okay -- game on!

New Charger. Check. More fence wire. Check. More posts and connectors. Check.

So, at the beginning of August, we installed what is sometimes referred to as a "raccoon wire" around the field. It is about 4 inches from the ground and is pretty darn hot. Ray accidentally bumped it and it lit him up! He says he won't sleep for a week after that.



So far, so good. More than a month into our amped up protection, we have not seen signs of intrusion. Hooray!



That's a wrap for this week, folks! We hope you enjoy your Labor Day weekend. Don't stay cooped up -- get out there and enjoy the sunshine before the rain moves in next week.



Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

