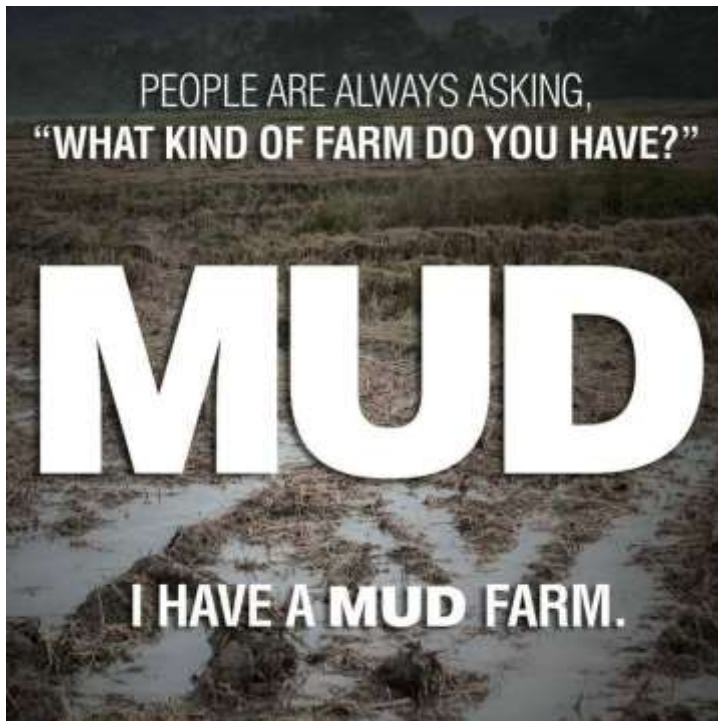




Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



That's where we are again, friends! So. Much. Mud. At least we humans can find places to walk that aren't completely saturated. The cows (especially!) and the sheep and donkey are having a harder time. But we'll count our blessings that we aren't dealing with the torrents of rain on the West Coast.

Despite all of the rain, we have been able to make progress on the greenhouse. We got all of the bows installed last Friday (check out this [Instagram post](#) of getting that final bow in place!). Yesterday, Ray and Elise got the center purlin installed. GREAT progress!





It's interesting to look back in some files and realize that we were building this greenhouse in January 2011 -- 12 years ago. Ray still shivers when he remembers how cold that project was! But my, what a difference this greenhouse has made!



Speaking of the greenhouse, so much is going on IN-side as well! More seeding -- and the first seeds have emerged in the onions! Hooray!



And we are sanitizing containers, tools, the floor -- everything! -- to get us ready for the big growing season ahead.



Looks like this floor was due for a bath!

We've also started getting ready for the first Plant Sale of the year. Mark your calendars for **March 24 and 25 for our Early Spring Plant Sale**. Lots of cool season plants will be available and we'll have these lovely Sweet Charlie strawberry plants ready for you as well.



And now that we've got you thinking about spring planting, it's time to think about soil amendments or supplies that you might need. We will be making our first cooperative order of the year to [Seven Springs Farm Supply](#) at the end of the month. This is a great opportunity to get the supplies that you need and not have to pay shipping! The order form will be posted on our [website](#) by tomorrow (Saturday) and the deadline for orders is **Monday, January 30**. Help us all reduce our carbon footprint by combining orders!



That's all our news for this week. On Monday, we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In these times when truth is hard to come by and lies are called "alternative facts," we need to remind ourselves of the words of Dr. King.



Let's take a moment on Monday to remember Dr. King's legacy and his call for peace and justice and equality. It's time for all of us to work towards tolerance and understanding.

Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

