



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



Luna wants to know, "is the rain over yet?"

That's the question on all of our minds around here. Unfortunately, the answer is "no!" But the good news is that we have a few sunny days in the forecast. Let's focus on them, shall we?

We were able to make some progress on things around the farm this week despite those raindrops fallin' on our heads.

Jonny and Elise got the front beds at the farmhouse fully loaded with tulip bulbs and pansies! Then they topped them off with heaping loads of leaf mulch. These beds are going to look FANTASTIC this Spring! I can hardly wait to see all the flowers.



### **Greenhouse Expansion Update!**

I know we seem to have a one-track mind lately, but this is a major project and is consuming a lot of our time. Much of the work this week has focused on getting the greenhouse floor ready. First up: a few bits of rock dust (36 tons!)



Two trucks later, we were ready to start spreading out all this material to create a smooth surface that will drain. Greenhouses are very wet environments, and it is very important to have a good, level, well-draining floor for the structure. Now that we have 12 years experience with one, we have a pretty good clue about what works!

Spreading this vast amount of material was not a simple task especially since it was done by hand. Making sure that the surface was perfectly level was essential. Ray would dump the rock dust with the tractor bucket, and we would spread it out to make sure that it met the line levels along the sides of the building. Suffice it to say that we all got a pretty good workout! Shovels, rakes and a concrete filled roller were the main tools of the day.



After we got the rock dust spread, leveled, and packed it was time to cover the surface with landscape fabric. Again, this was a precise operation. But we were able to get 30 feet of fabric installed before we had to prepare for an inch of rain. :- (



With today's sunny weather, we'll be able to get the rest of the greenhouse floor completed in no time!

### **Tick-Tock, Time is Running Out!**

Gentle reminder! If you were planning on joining in on our cooperative order of soil amendments and supplies from [Seven Springs Farm Supply](#), the deadline for orders and payments is **Monday, January 30!**

If you need supplies for your garden, this is a great opportunity to get what you need and not have to pay shipping! The order form and details are available at our [website](#). Help us all reduce our carbon footprint and save some money by combining orders!



***More fun than a  
barrel of fish!***

That's all we've got for you this week, Friends! Did you know that Saturday is [National Seed Swap Day](#)? And while we don't have the amazing seed swaps of the past that were hosted by [Old Salem Museum and Gardens](#) or [Slow Food Piedmont Triad](#), [Cobblestone Farmers Market](#) will be hosting a Seed Packet Decorating activity at Saturday's market. Kids can participate in this free activity where they can:

- Decorate their own seed packets;
- Learn about seed swapping and seed saving; and
- Take some carrot seeds for at-home planting.

Sounds like fun!

**Until next week,  
Cheryl & Ray**

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