



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

We seem to be in what some are calling a False Spring. We've got windows open in the farmhouse, birds are singing their hearts out, pastures and lawns are greening up, and flowers are popping out everywhere! It may be false, but it sure feels good!





Mom's daffodil patch by the Demo Garden is in full bloom. It always brings a smile when I think of her and her flowers. These must have been planted 30+ years ago! It's hard to believe that there was a job site office trailer parked over top of them when we moved back to the farm in 2009.



The greenhouse continues to be a hub of activity both inside and outside. The hipboard was replaced on the old section and added to the new section this week. We had hoped to get both sides done, but the winds this week have wreaked havoc on our plans. After we got the boards and wiggewire channel installed on the old section, a huge gust of wind ripped off the outer layer of plastic (inconveniently just after Jonny and Elise went to lunch!). Ray and Cheryl managed to pull the plastic back over and secure it in the channel. Whew! The plastic was torn in some places but there was enough there to lock it in place. This plastic will be replaced anyway when we recover the entire house.



We'll be working on the east hipboard next week but today Ray's worked on the end wall so that it can be covered before we install the plastic over the top. This project really is a planner's dream (or nightmare!)



And inside the greenhouse is just as busy! All of the tomatoes have been seeded for both the Summer Plant Sale (4/21-23) and for our own growing. The seeds of rootstock for grafting our tomatoes are popping up already -- it won't be long until Ray will be doing his tomato surgery. Both the tomatoes and peppers are tucked under the humidity domes or mini greenhouse structures in the foreground below and the trays are on heat mats. It's a nice, cozy warm and humid environment for the seedlings and they will grow fast!



Today we started potting up plants for our Spring Plant Sale! It's just 4 weeks away! We just posted [the list of the plants and other items that we'll have this year](#). We've added several new varieties including Brussels Sprouts, Mini Broccoli, Fennel and Kohlrabi. Don't forget to mark your calendar for **March 24 and 25** for the sale here at the farm!



The greenhouse is bursting at the seams with other plants too -- cucumbers will soon be trellised, fig cuttings will be growing into plants, strawberry baskets are getting ready for Summer, and the onions got their haircut to help them get stockier before we plant them in a couple of weeks. So much life!





And Detroit always keeps his place of honor by the potting bench. A cat can never be too sure about getting his daily dose of ear scratches.



Not to be outdone, the outside fields are getting ready too. Jonny prepped beds for the snap peas and snow peas we'll be planting this weekend.



Strawberries are starting to bloom under their blanket (so are the weeds!) and the garlic is looking mighty fine.



And Raz House will get its tomato crop in a bit earlier than planned. The plants are about 6 inches tall, so they are going in early next week! Jonny and Elise got it all weeded and the beds prepped. Quite a difference in the before and after, huh?



That's all the news we have for you this week! Stay tuned for a special announcement early next week regarding our signature *PlumFresh* Harvest Subscription program. We'll be opening up registrations on February 28.

Although Saturday's weather isn't going to be too great, Sunday might be a nice day to take a drive up to Stokes County and check out a performance at the Stokes County Arts Council. They will be featuring a [tribute show to Johnny Cash and June Carter](#) on the 91st birthday of the Man in Black. Or it just might be a nice day for just a drive up to the mountains. And enjoy that False Spring.



Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

