



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



First of all, a huge thanks to all of you who reached out to us regarding Brix's death. It was so heart-warming to hear your remembrances of her. She had definitely become a landmark in our community as many folks told us that they always looked for her in the pasture. We are glad that she brought such joy to you -- and to us.

The major focus for the past two weeks has been the greenhouse. We need the space for our upcoming Spring Plant Sale (more on that later). Plus we need to knock this huge project off the to-do list so that we can tackle some other pressing tasks.

March (and February) have been quite windy here at the farm. It's been difficult to find a calm day to install the cover. When we saw that there was a bit of a

break in the wind last Thursday, we jumped on getting things ready to cover (and re-cover) the house. The morning dawned beautifully (see photo above) for our 6:30 a.m. start and the winds were calm. Perfect.

We had moved all of the cold sensitive plants into the van or protected them on a heat mat. We didn't want them to have a blast of cold air once the house was topless. The rest of the plants should do okay, so we didn't have to worry about them once we removed the roof.

Getting the existing top off the house wasn't too bad. Once the wiggle-wire was out, it slipped down just fine.



Without the top, the greenhouse looked so different!



And it provided a whole new perspective for Detroit.



Getting the new cover on was a bit more difficult. The plastic had gotten a bit damp, so that made it stick as we pulled it over the structure. And since there were just 4 of us (we wanted 8 but no one could help), poor Ray had to run back and forth telling us what to do and then fluffing the plastic to help it unfold smoothly. And then the wind picked up. [This video](#) will give you a sense of what we were dealing with...

Needless to say, by the end of it all, we were pretty exhausted -- but yet, ecstatic that we had gotten the first layer on! And no one got hurt!



Yesterday, we got the 2nd layer on. Once again, the wind came up as Ray, Jonny and Elise were putting all the wiggle wire in the channels. Thanks so much to Matt Mayers and J French for helping us pull that final piece of plastic over the top. A 50' by 110' sail is a tough bear to wrestle -- especially with any wind! Whew!

We still have more work to do to get it completely finished but the BIG part of the project is DONE!

Kale Yeah! Spring Plant Sale NEXT Week!



Plants are in their new containers, tags have been inserted, plant information signs have been made and laminated, and our new space for the Plant Sale is covered. We're getting ready for our biggest Spring Plant Sale ever!

Close to 3000 plants will be ready to go home with you next Friday and Saturday. We've updated our [list of the plants and other items that we'll have available](#). There's a wide variety of cool season plants to get you growing

early! Don't forget -- the sale is on **Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 from 10-3.**



We're also busy getting ready for the Summer Plant Sale. That huge sale will be on **April 21-23!** That's when we'll have lots of heat loving crops like tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and so much more. We'll have beautiful Everbearing Strawberry baskets as well. See how well they are growing?



Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information on this event.

Breaking News! *PlumFresh* Pilot Mountain Pick-up Site Added!



As we get closer to Spring, I start thinking about all the great veggies and fruits that we will be growing this year. I've missed having the walk-in filled with fresh, Organic produce. And I hate getting produce at the grocery store because it is always so inferior to what we grow!

Are you feeling that way too? Do you want to be able to open your fridge and find an abundance of fresh, delicious food that your whole family will eat?

If that sounds like you, check out [PlumFresh](#). This is our signature veggie and fruit subscription program that is a completely unique spin on Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Yes, you are still making a commitment to a farmer, but you have lots of choices and flexibility.

PlumFresh is focused on the customer -- YOU! Instead of requiring members to take a uniform box each week and pay for the entire season upfront, we offer flexibility. Members can choose what they want to get in their bag and pay weekly with improved payment systems. You can even skip a week for vacation! And we serve our very best (like asparagus and strawberries) to our members!

So, if you've been thinking about it, you'd better hop to -- 60% of our slots are filled already! We've just added a new **Pick-up option in Pilot Mountain** because we know we have a lot of customers north of the farm. In addition, there are FIVE other pick-up options plus DELIVERY. For more information

about the program, [click here](#). Ready to sign up? [Here's the link](#) to register now.

We would LOVE to be your farmer this year!



That's the news from the farm this week (actually two weeks). Lots of things are ahead! [Mr. Rogers Birthday](#) is on Monday -- he would have been 95 this year. Fred Rogers is one of our heroes -- we always wear a cardigan on his birthday to honor him.

Also Monday is the [Spring Equinox](#) -- now if the weather would just cooperate! Spring arrives at 5:24 p.m.

And we can't forget...



Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray
