

Heads Up! We'll be at Cobblestone Farmers Market TOMORROW -- Saturday (4/29)! We'll have more of our Spring Garlic along with Cucumbers, Blackberry plants and MORE! See all the details below.

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Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



We have to start out with a HUGE thank you to all of you wonderful folks who came out to our Summer Plant Sale last weekend! You blew us away with your interest in our tons of tomatoes, the plethora of peppers and the snazzy strawberry baskets! We are so grateful for your support of our small, Organic farm. Hundreds of plants went off to new homes!

And we had so much fun with that sale that we are doing it again! Since many of our plants weren't quite ready to put out for sale last week, we decided to expand our **2nd Chance Summer Plant Sale** to TWO days. Mark your calendars for **Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 from 10-3**. We'll have lots of summer plants that will be ready to go in your garden. The weather forecast is looking good for planting -- after May 6, the projected lows are only in the mid-50s. Good news tomato fans!

We'll have more herbs, tomatillos and ground cherries, flowers, ginger, turmeric and lots more cucumbers, squash, lettuce and more. And even though oodles of tomatoes left the farm last week, we still have **40 varieties** remaining! [Click here for a complete list of what we'll have available,](#)

Crop Report



It hasn't all been plant sales here at Plum Granny Farm (although at times it has felt like it!). We've been getting other things done as well -- like actually tending crops and prepping fields! The potatoes we planted back at the end of

March are looking really good. Ray has been able to cultivate them a couple of times and got them hilled before yesterday's rain. Timing is everything!



And tomatoes are looking mighty fine, too! Ray got all of the grafted and non-grafted slicers planted in Ajo on Monday. Just a few -- 276. See the little clip on the tomato? That's the junction of the graft!



And the tomatoes in Raz House that were planted in March are beginning to set fruit! We are hoping for 'maters by the end of May.



We take pollination very seriously here at the farm. If our fruiting plants aren't adequately pollinated, we get poor production as well as misshapen fruit. [Sometimes we have to bring in helpers](#) to ensure that every flower gets the pollen it needs!

Let's Learn Something! Brambles Workshop

Lots of folks have purchased blackberry and raspberry plants from us this year (and previously!) -- thank you! If you want to make sure that you have success with your plants and get the most out of them, we have a workshop that is just the ticket.

Our brambles workshop is a very popular session that has given attendees the tools and confidence to grow great berries. "Growing the Jewels of the Garden" is a 2-part workshop. The first part is **Sunday, May 7 from 1-4 p.m.** It will focus on the different types of cane fruits as well as the planting, trellising and tending of blackberries and raspberries in the spring and summer. The second session (October date TBD) will help you get your brambles ready for winter and a successful spring. The workshops are hands-on and will give you what you need to have success with these wonderful

fruits. You do not need to participate in both sessions but there is a discount if you do. The cost for both sessions is \$50; the cost for a single session is \$35. [Click here to register.](#)

Speaking of blackberries, ours are beautiful at this time of year! And if all these flowers actually produce fruit, we'll have a great crop!



Cobblestone Market Update!

We'll at [Cobblestone Farmers Market](#) this **Saturday, April 29 from 8:30-noon!**

And it's b-a-c-k! Our popular Organic **Spring Garlic** will be on our table again this week! Several of you commented at the Plant Sale that you must get more of this delicious stuff! It is a seasonal specialty, and we'll probably have it for just one more market after tomorrow. Get it while you can!



We will also have Asparagus and Snacking Cucumbers -- limited quantities of both of these so you'd better get to market early! And don't forget our famous **Garlic Powder** and **Garlic Granules**. We'll be bringing a good supply of these meal enhancers!

Plants will also be on the table -- we'll have our **Triple Crown Blackberries**, **Deep Purple Irises** and **Green Chile plants** (3 varieties).



Please stop by and say "Hello!" The Market is located at [1007 South Marshall Street](#) (at the intersection of Salem Avenue). There is ample parking at The Enrichment Center just across Marshall Street. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

LAST CALL for *PlumFresh*!



All of our Wednesday slots are now filled but we still have a few openings remaining for Saturday (Cobblestone Farmers Market, Clemmons and On-Farm pick-up options). Registration will be closing on **Sunday, May 7th** -- so if you want to be part of our wonderful *PlumFresh* community, **NOW IS THE TIME!**

PlumFresh is more than just fresh, delicious Organic veggies and fruit. It's a community that offers lots of special benefits like Tomato Tastings, potlucks

and opportunities to pre-order for plant sales and more. We would love to have you be a part of this special community!

There's lots more information about the program [on our website](#). Ready to sign up? [Here's the link](#) to register now. Registration is easy and you can set yourself up for automatic payments. Don't miss out!

That's all we've got for this week! We'll close it out with a couple of scenes from "*Happy Livestock on Green Pasture*"!



**Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray**

