



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



Busy week here on the farm as we have been working to get the place back in shape! It's RESET Time!

We are starting our [PlumFresh Harvest Subscription](#) program this week. Our first deliveries are Saturday at Cobblestone Farmers Market, Clemmons and here at the farm. It's always exciting to get ready for those first deliveries -- it's somewhat like the first day of school. You try to remember where you put your backpack, notebooks and pencils...

This year it's a bit more crazed because we had completely torn up our packing area at the Tobacco Barn in the process of building the walk-in cooler. That, plus the normal winterizing things we did (disconnect all of the PVC plumbing and other things that could freeze), meant that the area was in complete chaos!

Inside the Tobacco Barn was in no better shape. It's always so easy to toss things into storage when that storage area isn't being used daily, right? That

described the Tobacco Barn completely.

It was time for a reset.

First, we had to haul everything out of the barn. It looked like a highly disorganized yard sale!



Next up was to clear all of the shelves and work on the floor. We've been wanting to put landscape fabric on the floor for several years, so now was as good a time as any. The dirt floor was always a problem because no matter how hard we tried, there was always dust and if rain came in, we had mud. Not the ideal situation. So, with some quick work, Jonny, Elise and Ray got the flooring down and then everything was put back in order! Nice!





And speaking of the walk-in, Ray, Elise and Camille got the air conditioners installed last Friday! Huzzah!



So while we were at this cleaning thing, it was time to wash up a winter's worth of dishes -- HUNDREDS of seed trays, crates, totes, baskets and more! Everyone had shriveled hands and wet feet by the end of this day. But we had lots of fresh, clean containers and seed trays all ready to go!





And how about cleaning up some fields as well? The garlic was due for a weeding -- there were some monster chunks in the aisles! A couple of tarp-loads later, the weeds were out of the way of the garlic which is starting its bulbing and bulking up process now (it's looking really good, by the way!)





And it was time to find homes for the plants left over from the plant sales. We've donated plants to the community garden in Walnut Cove which is coordinated by the Girl Scouts, to [Threshold Farm](#) to support their efforts to feed those in need, as well as to the Forsyth County Community Gardens program to provide plants to neighborhoods that are in food deserts. It sure feels good to have our plants go to places where they are really needed!



**Last Call! Ginger and Turmeric Workshop on Sunday**

Don't miss out on one of our most popular workshops -- ***Growing Ginger and***



## ***Turmeric at Home!***



There's nothing like fresh ginger and turmeric. Once you have it, you'll never eat grocery store stuff again! Why not learn how to grow it at home? This hands-on workshop will give you the knowledge you need to have success! We've got lots of experience growing this sometimes temperamental rhizome and you can benefit from our trials and errors.

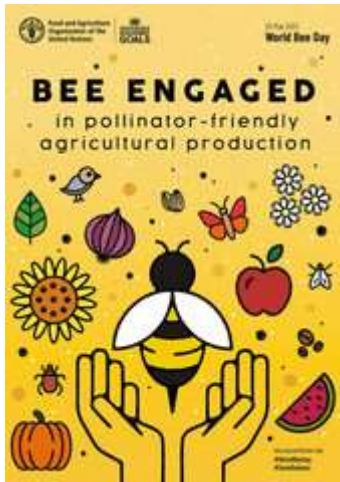


In addition to learning about how to grow the crop you will also plant some to take home. The workshop will be held here at the farm **THIS Sunday, May 21 from 2-5**. Registration is \$35. [Click here to register.](#) Please get your registration in no later than Saturday at 10 p.m.

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That's a wrap for this week!

Did you know that tomorrow is [World Bee Day](#)? This year's theme is "Bee Engaged in Pollinator-Friendly Agricultural Production."



We can totally get behind that! As farmers, we definitely know the importance of bees in pollinating our crops. As Organic farmers, we are quite zealous about protecting our bees and other pollinators.

And bees just aren't honeybees -- there are more than 20,000 species of bees that pollinate our crops! Wow!

It's even more of a reason to...



*Thanks to our friend Anne for giving us this bumper sticker!*

**Until next week,  
Cheryl & Ray**

