

**We'll be at Cobblestone Farmers Market
TOMORROW -- Saturday (6/24) with oodles of
Organic farm-fresh goodies. Details of what we are
bringing is in the list below.**



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Happy Summer!?!

The Summer Solstice was on Wednesday morning at 11:57 a.m. But it's been a bit hard to tell that Summer is here with temps in the 60s and nary a glint of sun in the sky. I saw the first sun all week on Thursday evening -- for just a minute!



I know that many people got a lot more rain than we did -- we got nearly 4 inches here -- but it has made our tasks this week more challenging, for sure. Despite the conditions, we slogged on! By starting at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, we were able to pick up the hay that Ray baled on Sunday. Now it is tucked in the barn -- well, except for a few bales the cows and sheep skimmed

off the top!

We haven't had ideal conditions for harvesting garlic or potatoes either, but those things got done too! We are now about halfway through our garlic harvest and the bulbs are tucked into our barn loft or in our friend's barn so they can dry out and cure. We've now harvested over 3,000 bulbs.



Poor LBT (Lil' Bitty Truck)! He definitely got his baptism by mud this week. Even the interior looks like a mud puddle! Good thing he has the "work truck" package with no carpet!



Yep, it's been a week of mud, puddles, running out of towels, and multiple layers of (hopefully) waterproof clothes! Emma is rocking her 4 layers of w-a-y too big rain gear as she and Jonny work on getting the field tomatoes trellised. No one ever said that farming was a place for fashionistas!



But the show must go on, right?



Cobblestone Market Update!

We'll be at [Cobblestone Farmers Market](#) this **Saturday, June 24 from 8:30-noon** and we'll have great produce and plants under the Purple tent.

While we won't have blackberries tomorrow (see above - rain!), we will have lots of wonderful fresh Organic goodies to kick off the first weekend of Summer!



The Potato Bar is BACK! Our popular Potato Bar will be fully stocked with THREE varieties of freshly dug potatoes for your dining pleasure. We'll have the low-glycemic **Nicola**, a new favorite **Soraya**, and the beautiful **Harvest Moon**.



Photo credit: Sprout Mountain Farm

LOTS of fresh Music garlic will also be on the table! Big, beautiful, juicy bulbs are such a treat and are SO easy to peel!



July 4th is just around the corner so be prepared with our Fireworks on a Stick! Our Elephant Garlic Flowers are so beautiful. A great thing about these beauties is that they dry into a lovely everlasting flower AND their little florets are edible and tasty.



And don't forget the **TOMATOES!** Our early planting is really starting to crank out the fruit, so we'll have lots more this week. **Green Tomatoes**, too!



In the veggie department we'll also have beautiful **Basil**, **Fennel**, **Frisse**, **Italian Flat-Leaf Parsley**, and more!



This will be the last week for our popular **Strawberry Hanging Baskets**. Better get them while you can!



You'll find us under the Purple tent along the fence on the Old Salem Road side of the market. The Market is located at [1007 South Marshall Street](#) (at the intersection of Salem Avenue). There is ample parking at The Enrichment Center and other lots just across Marshall Street and as well as parking along the street. Just remember to ONLY park in designated, paved spots...avoiding grass and landscaped or blocked areas.



We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

That's all the news we've got this week! We are closing out [National Pollinator Week](#) which is an annual celebration of pollinator health. This year, the focus is on the connections between pollinators and climate. Pollinators are dying because their food and homes are disappearing, diseases have increased, and rising temperatures and natural disasters are affecting their ability to survive - all of which are related to climate change.

As farmers, we want to give our thanks to the birds and the bees and [all of the creatures](#) that help make our job as farmers easier. Pollinators are so important to our food supply -- in fact, pollinators are responsible for as much as 1/3 of what's on our plates and in our glasses. And when they are in short supply, it makes a huge difference.

Say "thank you!" to a pollinator today!



Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

