

We'll be at Cobblestone Farmers Market tomorrow with all kinds of goodies for your Labor Day Weekend plans. It is supposed to be a gorgeous day -- a great day for market-going. Details of what we're bringing are below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Happy September!



Flowers and butterflies are such a perfect pairing. We planted some extra pollinator attractions in our sign bed this year and we've had lots of takers! It's not unusual to count 20+ butterflies fluttering about at any time. Mesmerizing.



Another busy week here at the farm. We've been doing lots of prep for planting along with the ever-present task of weeding. Jonny got a couple of our raised beds ready for lettuce, cilantro and radishes. With this break in heat, it's a great time to get these cooler weather plants in the ground.



The cooler temps made it much more bearable to be in the high tunnel tending the slicer tomatoes. They are all pruned and trellised and ready to be lowered and leaned again!



Plants a'Plenty!

Much of the time this week has been getting plants potted up for the **Fall Plant Sale**. We've got close to 1,500 plants to choose from -- so we've definitely been busy!

Hats off to Elise for taking care of the majority of this task! She's been a little speed demon getting plants moved from the seedling tray to 4-packs.



From Arugula to Tokyo Bekana and lots of varieties in-between, we've got your fall garden needs covered! The sale will be on **Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9th** - from 10-3 both days. In addition to plants and Seed Garlic, we'll also have a wide variety of soil amendments and supplies.

For an updated list of what we'll have available, [click here](#) to get more information.

Cobblestone Farmers Market Update

We're back at Cobblestone this week and we will have a tent-full of sooooo much goodness!

We'll be bringing the goods to make your Labor Day Weekend adventures even more tasty! How about potato salad with one of our perfect potatoes? Fried Jimmy Nardello Peppers and onions on that burger? Crisp and sweet Lunchbox Peppers with hummus? A tantalizing tomato and basil sandwich to toast the end of Summer?

The **Potato Bar** will be stocked with FIVE varieties including Fingerlings, German Butterball, Norwis, the last of the Strawberry Paw and **Plum Gold** (our signature purple potato with the creamy golden flesh). Boxes of Creamer Potatoes will also be on hand.

We'll also have Garlic, Lunchbox Peppers, Shichito Peppers, **Jimmy Nardello Peppers**, Tomato Fruit Boxes, **Slicer Tomatoes** (they're back!), **Okra**, Italian Eggplant, Basil and More! And everything is Organic!

Look for us under the Purple Tent -- that's where all the deliciousness happens! Market hours are from 8:30-noon. [Cobblestone](#) is located in the parking lot at 1007 Marshall Street SW. Parking is available in lots surrounding the market and along the street. Please make sure not to park in reserved areas or to block entrances.



That's the news for this week, friends!

Unfortunately, we have to close with some sad news. Our dear cat, Luna has disappeared and we are sadly, having to assume the worst. Luna was not a wanderer. He might go off hunting or for a quiet nap, but he would always be

back around the family by 5 p.m. After all, it was dinner time and time to get scritchies and cuddles.



Luna was one of the two feral kittens we got back in March 2021. His round moon face (hence the name) always made me smile. He was the sweetest and softest cat we've had here at the farm.

Luna was the ultimate peacemaker between his brother and the rest of his feline family. He loved them all. When we re-homed his brother, Hoover, last December, Luna became even closer to Detroit, our oldest cat. They spent a lot of time together napping and just hanging out with us at the Tobacco Barn. Even though Detroit would be grumpy with him, Luna just let it roll off and greeted him again with adoration and joy. He was indeed a joyful cat.

Once again, our hearts are broken -- maybe even more so because we don't have evidence of his passing. Was it a coyote? A copperhead? We have scoured the perimeter of the farm looking -- to no avail. And we will hold out a thread of hope that our dear Luna will return.





The Blue Supermoon rose on Wednesday and unfortunately it was cloudy but we've had the opportunity to see it for the past couple of mornings and evenings. Here's a great shot that Elise got on Thursday morning. Get out and look up -- and think of our Luna.



**Hope you have a great Labor Day weekend -- Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray**

