

LAST CALL! Tuesday is the deadline for getting your garden supplies order to us to be part of our Seven Springs co-op order! Details below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

Hope you fared okay with last weekend's cold and wind!



Hasn't it been wonderful to see this sight today? It feels like it has been weeks since we've seen the sun -- but actually it's just been since Monday. Obviously, I was never cut out for a life in the Pacific Northwest!



Despite the weather, it's been a productive week. It started out with Jonny and Elise getting the 2 beds of Osage blackberries weeded. These two were on a mission to get it done in one day! Don't get in the way of a woman with a Cape Cod weeder!



I think I heard a sigh of relief from the plants!



Before



After

Taking care of the weeds in the beds is an important step in brambles care. We were running a bit behind in getting it done. Soon we'll be mowing the raspberry canes to get them set up for berries in the late summer.

Also on the list this week was getting the greenhouse floor cleared and sanitized so that we can make repairs to the landscape fabric. The floors definitely take a beating, so they need to be repaired every few years. This was their year!



And just like that, Jonny and Elise got a large chunk of it done!



Another priority for the week included potting up the early tomato plants. They were seeded at the end of December and have grown like gangbusters. Now they've got room to stretch out and put on more roots. These plants will go into the new high tunnel (Lil' Abner) on March 1. Tomatoes in mid-June? Yes, please!



So, what do farmers do in the winter? In addition to planning, bookkeeping, seeding, and ordering supplies, one of the key tasks is maintenance. Equipment and structures work hard during the main season,

and they need a little TLC. One item that's been on the list for a while was to replace the tines on the tiller for the walk-behind tractor (Grillo). Are we a bit premature in replacing them? Yikes!



Yet another item to repair were the doors on the Tabby high tunnel. These scissor doors have always been a bit of a challenge to open and close. The icing on the cake was when some of the super gusts of wind we had back in December ripped the plastic on the door completely in half. A good time to take care of all of these issues! Now that it's fixed, we'll be able to get our carrots and spinach seeded in there in a couple of weeks.



While we tackle our to-do lists, the garlic is doing what it does best -- grow! We're getting lots of green shoots popping up all over the field!



Last Call for Garden Supplies!

Just a few more days to get your order in for our first [Seven Springs](#) cooperative order of the year. By joining in with other farmers and gardeners, we can all save money on shipping! It's easy to put in your order -- just go to our [website](#) and you'll find a link to either a printable order form or an Excel version that can be emailed. Any size order is fine -- you don't have to order pallets of fertilizer -- just a bag or 2 is fine!

Don't miss out! Orders are due by **NEXT Tuesday (January 30)** and pick-up is scheduled for **February 9th** here at the farm. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions! Email is the best way to reach us: farm@plumgrannyfarm.com



That's the news for this week! If you are looking at the weather forecasts for the weekend, you might be tempted to crawl onto the couch and not come off for a couple of days. (Can you say 1.75 inches of rain?) With this week's announcement of nominations for the [Academy Awards](#), here's your chance to binge-watch. Thanks to the New York Times for producing this [handy list](#) of how to stream the nominees from the comfort of your own couch. Hopefully you didn't eat all your popcorn on [National Popcorn Day](#) last week.



Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

