



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



The arrival of Spring is getting soooo close! And with the warm, wet days we've been having, things are really starting to pop.

We do always get a bit nervous when the peach starts blooming -- that usually means there's a freeze on the way. Who knows if this will be another year that we'll need to cover it. It's quite an endeavor!



Those of you who have been following us for a while know that we call March "Command Month." What other month tells you just by its name to do something: for example, March forth (sic).

Yes, it's the bossiest of months. Yelling at us, telling us we are behind, and that we won't make it through the year. Every year we prove March wrong, but it doesn't make it any easier to take its harassment! Thirty-one days of living with a Drill Sargent!



But I guess we'll take motivation and encouragement to do our best however harsh the delivery! And we are doing our best! Let's see what we've been up to this week, shall we?

Little Abner had his inspection last Friday and we got the "thumbs up!" from our funder, the [USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service \(NRCS\)](#). Yippee! I guess we should have put a big ol' ribbon on the door to properly celebrate the event with a ribbon cutting!



And just like that, Lil' Abner is nearly filled! **Tomatoes** went in on Tuesday and Wednesday, and **snap peas and snow peas** were planted yesterday.



Now that the big push to build Lil' Abner is behind us, we're getting fields ready for planting. Jonny and Elise tackled South 1 by raking off the plant debris so that we can remove the fabric and prepare the soil for planting.



The **cucumbers** in the greenhouse are really taking off. Ray trellised them on Wednesday, and we already have teeny lil' cukes and flowers!



It was time to give the garlic its first weeding. The landscape fabric is definitely doing its job of discouraging weeds -- although weeds still pop up in the holes the cloves were planted in. But it is so much easier than trying to weed the entire field!





The Potatoes are here! We got our order of seed potatoes in from our favorite vendor, [The Maine Potato Lady!](#) Seven hundred pounds of beautiful spuds! Ray is working on getting the field ready so we can get these babies in the ground as soon as possible. Meanwhile, they're hanging out in the walk-in so they don't break dormancy.

Garden Supplies Orders Due on Tuesday & Plant Sale Update!

Time is running out on getting in your [Seven Springs](#) order for soil amendments and other garden supplies! Orders are due by **Tuesday, March 12th** and you'll be able to pick up your order here at the farm on **Friday, March 22nd** when you come for our Spring Plant Sale. It's easy to put in your order -- just go to our [website](#) and you'll find a link to either a printable PDF order form or an Excel version.

This is your LAST CHANCE to order until August!



And, speaking of the [Plant Sale](#), as promised we have posted [the list of what plants will be available](#) on our website. Make your plans now to visit on **Friday, March 22** and **Saturday, March 23!** We want to help you have a wonderful Spring garden!

Last Call!



Just ONE more day to register for the Stokes County Agritourism Tour featuring farms in Stokes County -- including us! It's going to be a great day and we're really looking forward to it! [Registration](#) is required by **March 9th** and is \$25 which includes motor coach transportation and lunch (what a deal!). We hope to see you on the tour!

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That's all we've got for this week, friends! We'll leave you with an important reminder:



We hope you have a great weekend.

Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray



