

Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



While the day has taken a turn for the wet and dreary, this morning the daffodils and tulips in the front flower beds were putting on their best. It was a surprise to see the tulips out so early!

The sunshine and warmth this week have been a balm for the soul. Although I must admit that it was getting a bit toasty in the greenhouse by the afternoon.

## **Plant Sale Progress**

We've been spending a good bit of time in the greenhouse getting ready for plant sales -- both the Spring sale and the Summer sales in April and May. And who could dislike going into a place that looks like this... Good morning, little greenhouse!



Elise put the finishing touches on getting all of the Spring plants potted up and Cheryl has been working on tomatoes for the Summer sale.



We've got a plethora of plants ready for you! They all got moved into the pavilion to get them ready for the sale and to acclimate them to cooler temperatures.



The <u>plant list has been updated</u> and is posted on our website. We've added more things like Triple Crown blackberry plants and more herbs. We've also got our beautiful irises ready to go home with you. They just started blooming in our flower beds!



Don't forget: the **Spring Plant Sale is next weekend** -- Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 from 10-3 both days.

## Plant, Plant, and Plant Some More!

Now that we have Little Abner in our rotation of high tunnels, we are going to take full advantage of the space. That is expensive real estate! We have all of the rows filled with the main crops -- tomatoes, snap peas and snow peas. The last of the peas went in today.



But we wanted to squeeze in some additional plantings down the sides of the tomato beds since they are in a single row. The space below the plants is perfect for bunching onions, cilantro, dill, tatsoi and baby pac choi. Elise got those tucked in to be growing buddies with their 'mater friends.



We also got summer squash, kale and arugula planted this week in other fields and high tunnels -- much more to go in next week! Look at this itsy, bitsy baby squash! Thanks to Elise for catching this image!





And it's great to see the direct seeded crops starting to pop -- radishes, carrots and spinach (below) are all emerging nicely!



## **Company Is Coming!**

We've been getting ready for the <u>Stokes County Agritourism Conference</u> and look forward to welcoming folks to the farm tomorrow morning! Ray was able to get some driveway work done -- the potholes were getting a bit deep.



Unfortunately, we didn't have the right tool to be able to move all of the stone, but we were able to create a new couch out of it. What do you think?



We'll get more work done on the road next week so that things are smoother and less muddy for all of our upcoming events!

That's the news for this week, friends! All kinds of special days on the calendar in the next few days: <u>Saint Patrick's Day</u> on Sunday, <u>Spring arrives on</u> <u>Tuesday</u>, and on Wednesday, we celebrate <u>Fred Rogers</u>' Birthday. This day is aptly called, <u>"Won't You Be My Neighbor Day."</u> I can't think of a more fitting remembrance. Don a cardigan and wear a smile next Wednesday, won't you?



Have a great weekend!

Until next week, Cheryl & Ray

