

Even though there may be showers, we'll be under the Purple Tent this Saturday at Cobblestone. And it's worth putting on your rain boots! We'll have Garlic Scapes, Snap Peas, Spinach, Squash, a few Tomatoes and MORE! Check out the details below.



Happy Thursday, Farm Friends!

The rainy, chilly weather this week has had us all looking for a place to nap.



*Heavy sigh...* only 2 of us have been successful at that!

The rest of us have been trying to dodge the raindrops and get as much work done in the high tunnels as we can. Let's take a look at this week's accomplishments, shall we?



Winter Rye was planted as a cover crop in Flat Shoals field. It finally took off late winter and has formed a pretty good stand of cover.

It's amazing how quickly the cucumber plants have grown! Here is Jonny getting the plants trellised. We're using sisal twine this year as it is compostable and more sustainable.



Ray cultivated the potato fields (with a new-to-us spider weeder!) on Monday. After getting the weeds knocked down, he was able to hill the rows. We're getting some nice growth on the spud seedlings!



Jonny, Brady and Ray harvested the tops of the rye stalks in the drizzle on Tuesday. We'll be using the heads for our garlic braids this year.



Elise, Ray and Jonny have been spending a lot of time getting Lil' Abner weeded and trellised. With this week's last harvest of snap peas and snow peas, we'll be getting our next round of tomatoes planted.





## Save the Fields! (and Tunnels)

Jonny and Brady have been on field triage for the past couple of weeks. They've been working hard trying to get the old landscape fabric and drip tape cleared out of South 1 so we can plant sweet potatoes in a couple of weeks.

Today was a major victory! The 7-year old fabric that couldn't be salvaged was taken to the landfill (unfortunately there isn't a way to recycle it) and the remainder was folded and stored. Now we can begin the process of cultivating the field and getting it ready for sweet potatoes and okra!



The second challenge was our high tunnel, Wally. It was an overgrown mess of arugula, celery, lettuce, and radishes. Plus, we had tucked trays of leftovers from the spring plant sale in there as well. Needless to say, it was a rather scary place!



They knocked it out of the park! What a transformation! The tunnel is cleared

and ready for the next crops: celery, frisse, ginger and lettuce.



### The Tuxie and Dusty Report

Since we are now on 8 months of captivity for our two cat-tens, we're feeling the need to let them be freed to the real world. On Thursday, we tried giving them a bit of supervised playtime outside of Kitty Park, but it didn't quite go as we had hoped. Dusty kept wanting to go back into the enclosure and finally ended up under the cathouse. We were able to wait her out and returned her to the safety of her house. Tuxie was a little less anxious -- he just wanted to sit on our laps and chill.



They've grown a bit, don't you think?





## Last Call for Ginger & Turmeric Workshop!

If you are interested in learning more about growing these superfoods at home, time is running out to sign up! The workshop is on **Sunday, May 19 from 2-4:30** here at the farm. To sign up or for more information, [check out our website](#).



## Cobblestone Farmers Market Update

It's **Garlic Scape** Season!



We love these weird-looking things and enjoy sharing our tasty scapes and recipes with you! We'll have a nice supply of them on Saturday.

You'll also find **Sugar Snap Peas**, **Summer Squash**, **Spinach**, **Radishes**, and **Dill** along with some **Tomatoes**! Due to the cloudy conditions this week, we won't have very many Slicing tomatoes, but the Fruits are starting to come

in, so we'll have a few pints.



In the Plant Department, you'll find our amazing **Strawberry Hanging Baskets** and the last of our **Patio Salad Bowls** this week! We also have Blackberry and Raspberry Plants and Ginger Plants.



We look forward to seeing you on Saturday at market! [Cobblestone Farmers Market](#) is open from 8:30-noon every Saturday. It is located at 1007 Marshall Street SW (at the intersection of Salem Avenue). Plenty of parking surrounds market but make sure not to block entrances or park on grass or other landscaping.

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That's the news for this week, friends! Get ready for another Full Moon. May's [Flower Moon](#) will appear on **May 23rd** with peak illumination at 9:53 a.m. The best viewing will be on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Hopefully the

weather will cooperate!



Have a great weekend!

**Until next week,**  
***Cheryl & Ray***

