

**Come Chill at Cobblestone on Saturday! It's Cucumber Day and we've got the goods to make it a Dill-licious Day! Plus we'll have LOTS of Fresh Garlic, Tomatoes, Carrots and More! See details below.**



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Happy Summer!



This wild Trumpet Flower seems to be heralding the heat of Summer -- which we are going to be getting a pretty good dose of over the next few days.

We're trying to keep ourselves hydrated and safe during this heat wave. Six a.m. start time hasn't begun yet, but next week we'll shift to 6:30. Especially when it comes to planting and harvest, working during the cooler parts of the day are essential. We're trying our best!

### **Garlic Update!**

We are now officially finished with garlic harvest! Hooray!

All we have now is an empty field.



Although there's still a lot of cleaning and hanging work remaining before we can close the books on this year's crop but every bulb we could get out of the ground is out! Here's our pending stack of garlic at our storage building. There may be another Crop Mob on the horizon!



### **Ginger Time!**

With garlic harvest in the rearview mirror, we're moving on to our 2nd favorite "G" crop -- Ginger! It's time to get it in the ground. This year we are more than doubling the amount of ginger we're growing in the soil. We planted two 45' beds in our high tunnel (Wally) and will have about the same amount in a raised bed next to that tunnel. The most we ever had in-ground was 1 bed in Wally a couple of years ago.





In addition to the in-ground planting, we will also have ginger in grow bags in another tunnel and maybe in the greenhouse -- turmeric will also be in the greenhouse. It's going to be very tropical here soon!



We are excited to be growing much more baby ginger and turmeric this year



after a brief hiatus. We've missed it! And to celebrate, mark your calendar for our **Ginger Harvest Festival** in September. Our current plan is for Sunday, September 22 and we'll be celebrating all things ginger. Think Pink!

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### Time for a quick field walk!

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The sweet potato field was getting pretty furry so it was time to cultivate it with the Cub. Nice job, Ray!



Late season slicer tomatoes went in Lil' Abner. The plants were the perfect size and should really take off in this heat!



Detroit and the kittens have been hanging out under the fig tree most

of this week. You'll see 3 sets of eyes peaking out of the foliage!



But they will always come out of their cool space to say hello and get a head scratch!

Some of the potatoes are starting to set flowers -- that's good news! So, we're probably about a month away from harvesting.



It looks like our efforts to cover our peach tree back in March were rewarded. There's a pretty good crop of peaches this year!

### **Cobblestone Farmers Market Update**

This Saturday is Cucumber Day at Cobblestone! While we'll only have a few boxes of cucumbers, we will have LOADS of DILL to help you make those cukes even more special!





And we've got a bumper crop of **Carrots** to share with you this week! These Napoli carrots are Oh. So. Delicious!



We'll have more **Fresh Garlic** -- both Music (a hardneck variety) and Lorz Italian (our boldest softneck variety). Along with Garlic Scapes and Elephant Garlic Flowers.



We'll also have more delicious tomatoes -- both **Slicing Tomatoes** and **Tomato Fruit Boxes**. The Fruits are pouring in!



You'll also find more of our **Baby and Regular-Summer Squash**, **Swiss Chard**, **Escarole** and a few **Snacking Cucumber boxes!**

Plants are back this week! We are coming to the end of our **Everbearing Strawberry Hanging Baskets** so, if you've been thinking about getting one, time is running out. We also have **Blackberry (just a few left!)**, **Raspberry** and **Ginger Plants** to bring fruit and extra flavor to your home!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday! [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. Just look for the Purple Tent when you get into the Market area!



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Friday night is the [Full Strawberry Moon](#). It is somewhat unusual this year because it comes on the first full day of Summer. Get out and enjoy this

beautiful occurrence. Evenings this time of year are truly spectacular!



**Have a terrific weekend -- stay cool and hydrated!**

**Until next week,**

***Cheryl & Ray***

