

The forecast for Saturday looks better than what we experienced last week! Take advantage of the cooler temps to get ready for your July 4th gatherings. We've got LOTS of fresh & delicious veggies to get your party started. Fresh Garlic, Tomatoes, Carrots and More! See details below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Happy Summer!



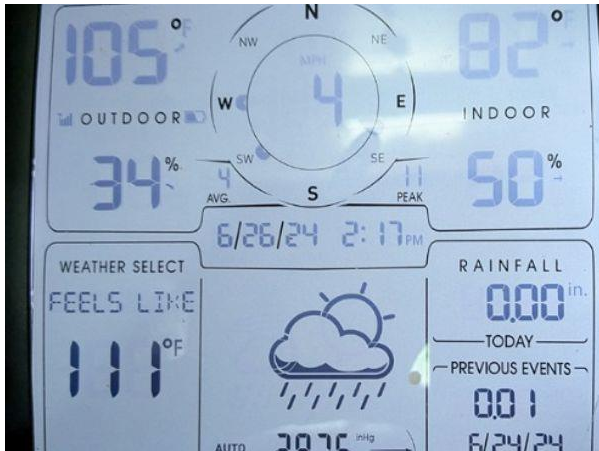
Our cheerful Nasturtiums keep putting on a bright and sunny show no matter how hot it gets. Such happy little faces -- and the hummingbirds love them!

We've been trying to keep up our happiest countenances during this heat wave -- but it's hard! Maybe we should try to adapt to the situation like

RingBob. Sometimes all you can do is just collapse.



And even though we know that this thermometer isn't completely accurate, it's still startling to see numbers like these. It actually said 106 just before I took the picture.



But we're starting early, breaking early afternoon, getting some rest and then heading back out to work until dark, and drinking copious amounts of water. Hope y'all are doing the same.

Throwing Shade

As the temps have soared with an abundance of sunshine, it was imperative that we get shade cloth on the high tunnels. The greenhouse got covered a couple of weeks ago along with Mama Meow, but we still had five other tunnels that were without shade.

We made good progress on this task. Since neither of our big tunnels has had shade cloth before, they took a little extra time and finagling. But Team Plum

Granny got it done!



Field Walk Time!

Flipping and flopping! The bed that was supposed to have fruit tomatoes in Lil' Abner now has cucumbers. We've been flipping around our crop placement due to space availability.





Now the late season fruit tomatoes are in a bed that we just cleared of summer squash.

We're going to have a little dip in slicer tomato production over the next few weeks as the early tomatoes phase out and the main season ones ramp up production.



The sweet peppers are starting to ripen -- they'll be making their first appearance at market on Saturday!

Ray harvested a potato plant to see how it was looking. This is Sangre, an early red potato, and it had a pretty decent yield. And I've heard a rumor that they were quite tasty! ;-)



Cobblestone Farmers Market Update

We are pretty happy to read Saturday's weather report to see that it will be cooler. Thanks to all of you who came out to market last week on an especially brutal day! Our feet felt like we'd been walking on a grill by the end of market.

Since this is the last market before July 4th, it's time to think about what you want for your picnics and other gatherings over the holiday. We can help you plan your menu!

How about a cool [pasta salad](#) with **Basil (new!)** and our delicious **Fruit Tomatoes?**



A [white bean dip](#) made with **Garlic Scapes?**



Or maybe a nice shredded **Carrot Salad**?



We'll also have **Escarole**, Frisse, **Fresh Garlic** -- both Music (a hardneck variety) and Chesnok Red (a medium hardneck variety), **Slicing Tomatoes**, Summer Squash, Swiss Chard, Dill Flowers (pickles anyone?) and **Sweet Peppers** (Jimmy Nardello and other sweets). So many opportunities for culinary creativity!

And don't forget the **Fireworks on a Stick** -- our famous Elephant Garlic Flowers!



In the Plant Department, we'll have **Everbearing Strawberry Hanging Baskets** along with two varieties of **Raspberry Plants**. And our supply of

Ginger Plants is getting low so if you've been itching to grow ginger, you'd better hurry!!

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!



Hope you have a wonderful Independence Day celebration with friends and family!



Have a terrific weekend -- stay cool and hydrated!

Until next week,

Cheryl & Ray

