

Travel plans and tropical storms are getting in the way of Market for us this weekend. We'll be back under the Purple Tent NEXT Saturday, August 17!



Happy Thursday, Farm Friends!



Morning Glories! Such wonderful flowers. They are so fragile looking -- this one is almost like a sand dollar glistening with morning dew. I get that some folks call them weeds, but when they are in a place that they can join in with other flowers, they are quite fetching. Appreciate a Morning Glory today!

We've been in pre-storm panic mode around here. Who knows what will happen but lots of rain and some heavy wind seem to be in the cards. Securing things that can blow around and making sure that we've got good drainage around critical areas like the Tobacco Barn have been high on the priority list.

Another priority area is Yam's Barn. We had not cleared out the mud and manure since this spring and it was horrible. It was fine when we were in drought conditions but since we've started getting rain, the muck was intolerable for us and the cows.

Ray was able to get a lot of the area scraped down with the tractor and then Jonny and Celina shoveled out more. This will allow better drainage during downpours and will keep it from getting so mucky for a while.



After the scraping and shoveling, Ray and Jonny put down some landscape fabric and topped it with gravel. Although cows really don't like to walk on gravel, they will probably prefer it to a deep mud pit.



We know this is just a temporary measure, but it will be a huge improvement. We're finally going to have to gulp hard and get concrete in this area. It's getting to be harder to maintain each year.

Getting Seedy Around Here!

Hooray! All of the scheduled seeding for our Fall Plant Sale as well for our planting is complete! It might not look like it, but there are nearly 1,000 4-packs on these greenhouse benches! Plus, we also have those that will be potted up into 4-packs! It's going to be a sea of green here very soon!



Our trainees are starting to learn the ropes and I'm sure that's the only way we were able to get all the seeding done so quickly. Or at least that's what they tell me.



We are getting excited about our [Fall Plant Sale](#), and we have updated our website with information about this year's event. There you'll find a list of all the plants that we'll have this year as well as a list of soil amendments.



Don't forget to mark your calendar for **Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7** for the best selection of cool season plants that you'll find anywhere!

Stay tuned for next week when we'll have information on our upcoming cooperative order with [Seven Springs Farm Supply](#)!

Thanks, Celina!

Yesterday we said "Farewell!" to Celina Lovell, who has been working with us this summer. Celina is a rising sophomore at West Stokes High School. School starts back next week so it's time to put down the Cape Cod Weeder and pick up the books!

Celina brought her can-do spirit and toughness to her work here at the farm. She especially liked tough physical tasks like picking up hay and hauling heavy tarps. And she probably pulled more weeds than she thought existed!

Good luck at school, Celina -- and congratulations on getting your Learners Permit! And may

you have a super Softball Season!



Cobblestone Farmers Market Update

We won't be at market on Saturday (storm prep and out of town adventure) -- but we look forward to seeing you there NEXT Saturday, August 17th!

We did want to give a shout out to our market as it is National Farmers Market Week!



Farmers markets play an important role in communities across the globe. They are the source of fresh produce, meats, flowers, bread and more for countless families. Farmers Markets provide the opportunity for farmers and producers to sell directly to you -- the people who consume these products. This trade and transparency is critical for a healthy local economy.

Each year, tens of thousands of farmers sell directly to consumers at farmers markets nationwide, generating \$2.4 billion in revenue (according to a recent estimate by local food researchers based on USDA Ag Census Data). Farmers markets support North Carolina's small and diversified farms and circulate money back into our local economy.

Thanks so much for choosing to spend some of your food dollars at a local farmers market like

Cobblestone. It means more than you will ever know.



**We pray that Debby is kind to you and yours --
Until next week,
*Cheryl & Ray***

