

We're back under the Purple Tent TOMORROW (8/17)! Lots of Summertime Favorites on the table -- Potatoes, Tomatoes, Watermelon (!), Sweet Peppers, Green Chile, Baby Summer Squash and MORE! Details Below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



These Black-Eyed Susans provide such a nice bright pop of color! Too bad they are tucked behind one of the boxwoods at the front porch. Or maybe they appeared there because they wanted to give me a personal flower patch! Regardless, they sure are lovely but they need some companions in the front yard soon!

We hope you survived Tropical Storm Debby. Things here at the farm fared well -- except for lots of water filling in Yam's Barn. All the work last week of grading and adding gravel helped but when you get 5.5 inches of rain, it tends to fill back up pretty quickly.

And even though the winds were pretty fierce, we only had some of the Greenhouse shade cloth blown off, a few plants blown around, and lots of small limbs around the farmhouse yard. At times like this, we are glad to have gotten our "risky" trees removed last year. It would have been a different story if we hadn't.

Time for our Weekly Field Walk

The Sweet Potatoes have definitely enjoyed the extra moisture. The plants are HUGE! We've never had plants that are up to our knees! We think they are in a race with the Pole Beans (to the right in the picture).



Speaking of beans, the Romano that we have in Lil' Abner are starting to flower! Hooray!

Ray has continued to do a lot of work to control pests in our high tunnels. The cucumbers, squash and tomatoes seem to be the main hosts. The sticky tape finally arrived so Ray installed it at the top of the cucumbers as well at lower levels for tomatoes. Fingers crossed!





Our 3rd succession of Slicer Tomatoes is beginning to ripen! Hooray! We hope they carry us through until Thanksgiving -- that's our plan.

They're getting bigger! Our plant babies for the Fall Plant Sale are sizing up. Don't forget to mark your calendar for **September 6 & 7** -- lots of beautiful Organic transplants will be available. [Check out the details here.](#)



Happy Birthday, BB!!

Our delightful little black sheep, BB, is turning NINE tomorrow! It's so hard to believe that the itty-bitty lamb that we got from our friend, Laura Frazier of [Farm Girl Arts](#) is nearly a decade old!

BB is still a bit lonely after her brother, Tony, died last year. But she is continuing his tradition of growing squash! Bb is an excellent farmer and has an array of plants -- contributed from the seeds of all the squash she's eaten this year. It is absolutely her favorite food! I guess she

wants to make sure she has a good supply in case we run out. Smart girl!



Cobblestone Farmers Market Update

We're back at Cobblestone Farmers Market tomorrow and we'll have some special treats!



Monday is [National Potato Day](#) and we'll be celebrating a smidge early. Ray has harvested up a bunch of your favorites, including Nicola, Harvest Moon and LaRatte Fingerlings. Come and get your spuds!

We'll also have Sugar Baby Watermelon, which is an old-timey variety with great flavor. Yes, it does have seeds -- but now you can have a seed-spitting contest in your back yard! A Summer tradition.

We'll also have **Snacking Cucumbers, Slicing Tomatoes, Tomato Fruit Boxes, Baby Summer Squash, LOTS of Sweet Peppers (Corno di Toro, Pimento), Lunchbox/Picnic Peppers, Hot Peppers (Serrano, Jalapeno, Aji Amarillo and more), Green Chile, Poblano Peppers, Basil** and lots of **GARLIC** including our popular **Garlic Sampler Bags!**



We look forward to seeing you! [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 -- we are next to the white building!

Well, that's our news for this week -- with one exception. Cheryl was blessed to be able to take a break from the farm and visit her good friend, Carol in Vermont. It was Cheryl's first trip to the Green Mountain State, and it was wonderful! We made it a bit of a [busman's holiday](#) by visiting lots of farms, farm stands, community gardens, cows, and of course, a [Ben and Jerry's](#) factory tour! It was a wonderful adventure -- and now Cheryl owes Ray big time! Leaving during a tropical storm wasn't the best timing!





Have a great Summer Weekend!
Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

