

So many late Summer favorites under the Purple Tent  
TOMORROW (8/24)! Potatoes, Eggplant, Okra, Tomatoes,  
Sweet Peppers, Green Chile, Baby Summer Squash and  
MORE! Details Below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



Do you feel it? Here in Capella, it sure feels like we are on the edge of Fall. Although we know that we'll have many more 90+ degree days still to come in 2024 (we see you, next Tuesday!). But Wow! It was 53 degrees this morning when I went to make coffee. Sure feels fall-like to me!

We've had a busy week planting, getting ready for the plant sale, and LOTS of mowing and weed-whacking. The grass has definitely come out of the drought and it's even more vigorous than before.

Let's take a look at some of the interesting (?) things we've been doing this week, shall we?

**It's Time for Our Weekly Field Walk**

Open Wide, Jules! We had a ASF (Always Something Farm) moment yesterday when diesel started spewing out of the fuel line in the tractor. Ray was able to get it to stop (of course he had just filled the tank). Turned out that the fuel filter had a connection that failed so the line slipped off the filter. Mr. Fix-It to the rescue. Ray was able to find the part and successfully install it. Whew!



We did a test dig of the sweet potatoes. Hooray -- there are some there! We jinxed ourselves a few years ago when we dug up a couple of plants with good yield and it turned out they were the only productive plants in the entire field. We've got a few more weeks to go before harvest, but this is promising.

Winter squash got another try this year. While we're not overwhelmed by what we are seeing, we do have some squash on the vines. Keeping our fingers crossed.







Baby Romano Beans! The flowers we showed you last week have transformed. Won't be long!

Bye-Bye Kitty Park! Now that Dusty and Tuxie have graduated to outside living, they didn't need their fenced playground. Jonny got everything taken down (so many clips and zip-ties!) but we left their climbing tree. Hey, it's good to play vulture sometime!





So, we're pretty excited about this. We finally tried a trellising system that makes lowering trellised vines (cukes, tomatoes, squash) easier. It's called [Qliper](#) and it's from Holland. Here's Ray with a very tall cucumber plant before attaching the hook and clip.



Here's the same plant after Ray attached it to the hook and lowered it. Now it is at a workable height -- which is a huge time saver because we don't have to use the ladder at every plant to remove flowers or harvest. We are liking this system! [Here's a video](#) where a farm in upstate New York describes how they use it.

### **Coming Soon...**

Our big **Fall Plant Sale** is just around the corner! Make sure you have **Friday, September 6** and **Saturday, September 7** from 10-3 on your calendar! We've got oodles of cool season plants ready for your garden.

The plant sale will also be where we'll be kicking off our 2024 **Organic Seed Garlic Sales**. We're still assessing which varieties we'll have available, but we are certain we will have Music, Lorz Italian and Elephant. Stay tuned for more information! And check out [our website](#)



for a full list of the plants we'll have available.



### **Cobblestone Farmers Market Update**

Tomorrow is supposed to be a gorgeous Market Day and we're excited to bring our best for you and your family! We've got a couple of new items for you this week.

We tweaked our roaster and now have truly Sweet **Fire-Roasted Sweet Peppers** available for you this week. You know our delicious fire-roasted green chile that we have in the fall? Well, we are letting our roaster do its magic on Sweet Peppers! Ray will be roasting up Corno di Toro Italian Roasting and Pimento Peppers here at the farm. Then the roasted peppers will be packed in a vacuum-sealed bag. They can be frozen but enjoy 'em while they are freshly roasted!



Another new item is **Summer Spinach**. It's not a true spinach -- it's actually an Asian Green that is great in salads or lightly sauteed. Sooooo good!



We'll also have freshly harvested **Potatoes** including German Butterball, Nicola, Harvest Moon and LaRatte Fingerlings. Come and get your spuds!

Under the Purple Tent you'll also find **Snacking Cucumbers, Eggplant, Okra, 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 Sample 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!

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That's all the news for this week. We do want to share with you information about the [Great Southeastern Pollinator Census](#) that's happening this weekend. Cheryl just ran across information about this citizen science project that started in Georgia back in 2017. The project has grown to include South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida.



The census is designed for us regular folks to take 15 minutes during the course of 2 days to observe a flowering plant and record how many pollinators visit it during those 15 minutes -- that's it!

Get your 2024 Counting Sheet and all the information you will need [here](#). Pull up a chair, set your timer for 15 minutes and just observe a plant!

It's supposed to be a beautiful weekend, so get out there and enjoy the blooming plants -- and

contribute to science at the same time!



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



