



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



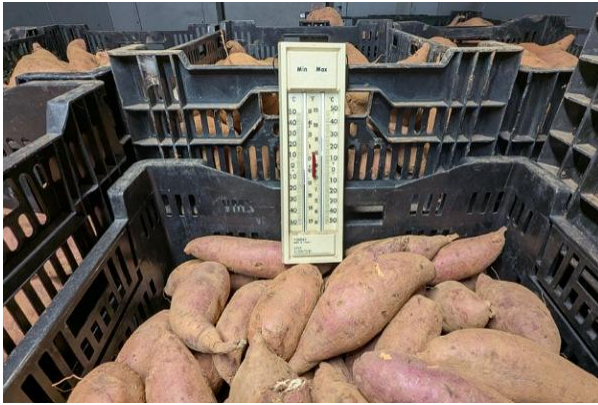
A new geologic formation has been located in Stokes County -- the Capella Glacier. This glacier seems to be growing in size on a daily basis -- unlike most glaciers in the Arctic that are shrinking. Scientists have been brought in to evaluate the ice to see if it is a new permanent formation or just temporary. We'll report on their findings.

Yeah, it's cold! We've had lows in the teens for the past week and finally, but just barely broke freezing yesterday. This has been quite a winter! We're hoping that the super cold will reduce pest pressure this year -- that's the farmer optimism talkin' there!

With these frigid temps, our work has been focused on the greenhouse. Spring seeding and planting are kicking into gear, and we needed to clear the decks to make room.

The sweet potatoes were taking up a lot of space so getting them out was a priority. They need to be warm so Ray rigged up a heater and fan in one of the walk-ins to accommodate their needs. He and Jonny got them moved and set up in their new home -- about 50 crates of taters! We'll be

offering pre-orders of these soon!



### **Strawberry Time!**

The strawberries that we got last week were ready to be potted up into baskets and trays. We are so lucky to have our friend, Maggie Monteith, volunteering with us again. She's a pro at this task and got us well on the way of filling our quota of baskets. Welcome back, Maggie!



We are also potting up tomato plants for our early (March) high tunnel planting. These little guys will be big and strong in no time!



But wait, there's more!

Not to be outdone, the cucumbers are popping up and they'll be ready to plant soon.



Jonny has been mixing up lots of media and making bags for the cucumbers. The bags are set up now and have been protected with the all-important cat fence to keep those lil' paws out!



### **So Much Fun Ahead!**

As part of our pre-season planning, one of the first things that we do is to decide when our major events will be for the year. We've got those nailed down and are excited to announce the **2025 Plum Granny Farm Calendar of Events!**



## 2025 Calendar of Events



### March:

- Spring Plant Sale - 3/21 & 3/22

### April:

- Growing Blackberries & Raspberries - Spring & Summer Edition - 4/13
- Summer Plant Sale - 4/17, 4/18/ 4/19
- Growing Great Tomatoes - 4/19

### May:

- 2nd Chance Plant Sale - 5/2 & 5/3
- Tomato Grafting Workshop - 5/4
- Ginger Growing Workshop - 5/18

### July:

- Tomato Tasting - 7/13

### September:

- Fall Plant Sale - 9/5 & 9/6
- Ginger Harvest Celebration - 9/21

### October:

- Growing Great Garlic - 10/12
- Growing Blackberries & Raspberries - Fall & Winter Edition - 10/26

### November:

- Garlic Braiding Workshop - 11/9

Obviously, we'll have more detail about each event as we get closer to the date. We are excited to offer a couple of new events this year -- a Tomato Grafting workshop as well as a Garlic Braiding class. And did you see that Ginger Harvest Celebration? Woohoo! Stay tuned for details!

### Last Call for Early Garden Supplies!

The deadline for our first [Seven Springs](#) cooperative order of the year is coming up VERY soon. Orders are due by next **Tuesday, January 28**. This is a great way to save money on shipping. It's easy to put in your order -- just go to our [website](#) and you'll find a link to either a printable order form or an Excel version that can be emailed. Questions? Email is the best way to reach

us: [farm@plumgrannyfarm.com](mailto:farm@plumgrannyfarm.com)



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That's the news for this week, friends! Tomorrow is the celebration of [Robert Burns' birthday](#). It's a big deal in Scotland, where he is revered as the national bard -- it's not quite as familiar here in the US.



Robert Burns birthday (1759-1796), has become an occasion for Scots all over the world to gather together in his honor. A Burns Night supper usually includes haggis (not the most appetizing dish for most). Tartans and kilts are the dress of the day along with reading Burns's poems and singing his songs, ending with one of his most famous, "Auld Lang Syne."

**Be kind to your neighbors.**

**Until next week,**

***Cheryl & Ray***

