

Come see us at Cobblestone tomorrow! We'll have a Purple Tent full of Organic delights including Tomatoes, Snap & Snow Peas, the first Garlic Scapes and MORE! Details below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



Oh, the lovely Johnny Jump-Up. What a sunny, happy flower! It's been a nice contrast to the rainy, gloomy days of much of this week. The planter stands at the greenhouse door to greet us each morning no matter the weather. What a faithful friend.



This looks like something out of Twisters or out of an Andrew Wyeth painting. Ominous clouds indeed!

We got about 2.6 inches since Monday and things are pretty soggy. Glad we were able to get some mowing and tractor work done on Sunday afternoon! All of this rain did make it easier to take care of some other non-farm stuff -- but it sure put a crimp in our productivity!

Thousands of Thanks!

Thanks SO much to the hundreds of you who came out to the farm during our Summer Organic Plant Sale. You helped make this year's sale our best ever! We're still working on the final inventory but it's safe to say that we sold well over 2,000 plants! Woo-hoo!



We appreciate your support and loyalty to our farm. We can't begin to tell you how much it means to see you year after year. Hearing your stories of plant success and puzzling through your questions together is the reason we do this work.

We know that you have lots of other options -- and many that are less expensive. However, your support of a small local Organic farm that carefully seeds and tends each little seedling with love and care means the world to us.

We are so grateful!

Potato Patch News!

The potatoes in Ruth's Field have been loving this rain! Every day when we look up at the field, we are sure that the plants have grown a foot!



Ray was able to sneak in before the deluge to hill the plants and cultivate -- just in time. They're looking mighty good!

And speaking of looking good, Ray dug up one of the potato plants in Lil Abner to see how it was progressing -- NICE!



The spuds are plumping up now and we'll be harvesting them next week. Look for them at Cobblestone on May 24!

Slow and Steady

We had a rather ponderous visitor at the farm yesterday evening. Cheryl saw something lying on the telephone pole that we use as a parking barrier by the greenhouse. Upon closer inspection, it was a turtle!

It was stuck on the pole -- trying to figure out how to get over this hurdle. It wasn't exactly zipping along...



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Here is Ray providing a more accurate demonstration of the turtle's plight...



Once we gave the turtle some space (and put up the potentially threatening cats), it moved along just fine. It's a big one!



Fare thee well, Turtle Friend!

Time for a quick field walk!



Jonny and Ray have been working on getting North 1 cleared for sweet potatoes. Our slips arrive the week after next and we've got a lot of prep work ahead. First up: get the sod staples out and remove the landscape fabric.

Cara and Mia have been enjoying the cull yellow squash. BB usually is the Squash Queen but maybe she's lost her taste for them. Oh well-- more for Mia!



Our little peach tree is LOADED! Time to get in there and do some thinning before the peaches get any bigger!

Cobblestone Farmers Market Report

We're back at Cobblestone this week with a vanload of Organic goodies!

Our delicious **Tomatoes** will be there -- although with all the clouds this week, we haven't had a lot of ripening. In addition to slicers, we'll have boxes of colorful **Fruit**

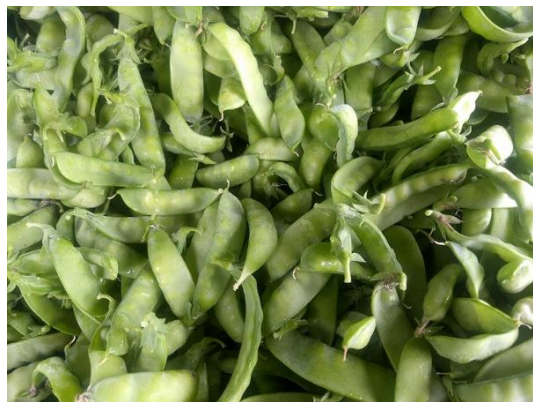
Tomatoes.



The first of our popular seasonal specialty -- **Garlic Scapes** -- will also be on our table. They are just starting to pop up, so we won't have a lot -- better get to market early! We'll also be bringing more **Spring Garlic**.



We'll also have tender, young **Summer Squash**, crunchy-sweet **Snap Peas** and delicious **Snow Peas**, and **Green and Red Sweet Corno Peppers**! Don't forget the **Sweet Potatoes** -- we are just about out of stock! In the Herb Department, we've got big bunches of **Cilantro and Dill**.



In the Plant Department, check out our beautiful **Strawberry Hanging Baskets** or **Salad Bowls**. These potted plants give you the convenience of garden-fresh produce right on your porch!



Our **Purple Tent** is located just to the left of the doors of the white building. Chad's Chai and K Culture Ferments are our neighbors on either side. [Cobblestone Farmers Market](#) is located in the parking lot at **1007 Marshall Street SW at Salem Avenue**. **The hours are from 8:30 am until noon**. Parking is located in the lots surrounding the market and along the street. Please make sure not to park in reserved areas or to block entrances.

That's all we've got for you this week, friends! So many things happening in our area over the weekend! Graduations galore and also lots of community events. One event that's on our radar is the [Winston-Salem Greek Festival](#). This event, held at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on May 16-18 will feature music, folk dancing, shopping and tours of the church. This has always been on our to-do list -- maybe this year it will happen! Opa!



Have a great weekend!

**Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray**

