

Don't miss our Pop-Up Farm Market tomorrow! Tons of Tomatoes, Fresh Garlic, Sweet Peppers, Garlic Scapes and MORE! Hours are 9-11 here at the Farm. Details below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



This week's farm flower is the amazing Elephant Garlic Flower. We like to call them "Fireworks on a Stick"! This market favorite is the flowering scape of Elephant Garlic. They look like pom-poms on a stick and have a faint garlicky smell.

A cool thing about these flowers is that they are not only lovely to look at, but they are tasty as well. The florets that comprise the pom-pom add a pop of subtle garlic flavor to eggs, potatoes, salads and many more dishes. How many flowers can you have on your table for an edible arrangement?

Another neat thing about these is that they make a wonderful everlasting flower. They dry beautifully and look great in arrangements for years! We've got some in a vase that are probably 5 years old!

And don't forget, Elephant Garlic is not a true garlic but rather it is a bulbing

leek. Since it is one of the mildest of our garlic lineup, many folks find they can tolerate this allium better than spicier bulbs.

And just to give you the full picture of what the Elephant bulb looks like, check out a few that were just harvested -- whoa! We added a quarter to give a sense of scale.



And Even More Garlic!

June is Garlic Month here at Plum Granny Farm and this year is no exception. Our bulbs were letting us know that It Was Time to harvest and that we'd better hop to it.

And we did -- with a LOT of help from our friends! On Wednesday we hosted a Crop Mob to get those lil' bulbs of flavor out of the ground before it was too late. Music, Georgian Crystal, Lorz Italian, Lahontan and Elephant Garlic all came out of the field this week. Boom!

Our awesome Mobsters did a great job of pulling the garlic and then cutting the bulbs for curing. If you are ever have to get attacked by a mob, this is the kind you want!



Huge thanks go out to Tiffany, Don, Kelley, Cassie, Matt, and Maggie (not pictured). You guys are Garlic Superheroes for sure!

Tuxie said that these mobsters were on their best behavior because he was keeping a close eye on them. Right.



Thanks to Cassie for this great picture!

Dustie says that her management style is more laid back. She prefers to blend in with her surroundings.



And while we didn't get all of the garlic trimmed on Wednesday, Jonny stepped up and knocked that task out of the park on Thursday. Go Jonny!



On-Farm Market Tomorrow!

Woo-hoo! Our first on-farm market will be held this **Saturday, June 14 from 9-11**. We'll be set up in the Pavilion (where we have the plant sales) and we'll have LOTS of delicious Organic produce for you!

Have you been craving that first REAL tomato sandwich of the year? We have OODLES of Tomatoes ready for that sandwich, salad, pasta or whatever tomato craving you need to fill.



We'll also have these delicious and sweet **Carmen and Escamillo Italian Peppers**. They are wonderful for sauté or raw or grilling with Dad's favorite burger -- that perfect bite of Summer!



Our freshly harvested **Garlic** will also be on the table along with **Garlic Scapes**, **Elephant Garlic Flowers** and the last of our **Summer Squash**. And -- surprise! -- we'll have a small amount of **Eggplant**!



And for you gardeners that would like to grow **Sweet Potatoes** at home, we'll have FREE slips!

We look forward to seeing you at the Farm in the morning! It's going to a Delicious Day!

Farmer Ray Update

We're keeping with the mantra of Slow and Steady for Ray's recovery. Thursday marked 2 weeks since surgery and we're seeing baby steps of progress every day. Next week is the follow-up appointment with the Novant surgical team and we're hoping that some of the restrictions are lifted. Currently, Ray can't lift anything more than 5 pounds. Do you know how little that is? We're not sure about when he'll be cleared for driving -- we may need to wait a few more weeks for that.

Thanks again for all the kind email messages, cards and comments on Facebook and Instagram. Oh, and ALL the wonderful meals! They mean SO much to us -- and although it might take a bit for us to reply, we are so grateful and encouraged by your love, support and concern.

That's all we've got for you this week, friends! Sunday is [Father's Day](#) and we want to wish all the Fathers out there a very happy day filled with time well-spent with family. Give 'em all a big hug and let you know you love them.

Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

