

Another Pop-Up Farm Market tomorrow! We still have Tons of Tomatoes, Fresh Garlic, Sweet Peppers, Eggplant, Lettuce, Swiss Chard, Garlic Scapes and MORE! Hours are 9-11 here at the Farm. Details below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Happy Summer (almost -- it arrives at 10:42 p.m.)



I know we've featured our Rose of Sharon before, but this amazing display cannot go unmentioned! Can you believe it?

This bush, which came from a seedling of one by the barn, was only planted about 4 years ago and has done incredibly well. A cool thing about this bush is that it has both white and purple/pink flowers. Such a cheery sight on even the foggiest of mornings!



This Week: Ginger!

Last week was all about garlic; this week we focused a bit more on Ginger (although Jonny got most of the rest of the garlic pulled!).



On Friday, our friends from [NC A&T](#) came to plant their ginger test plot alongside our ginger in Raz House (one of our high tunnels). They planted 4 varieties and will monitor their growth through the summer and early fall. Will and Daniel are part of Dr. Gouchen Yang's team in the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Design.

We are honored to have this partnership and to be able to benefit from the research that Dr. Yang and his team bring to us. Go Team Ginger!

After the A&T plot was planted, it was time to finish filling up the house with ginger. Cheryl got a chunk in the ground earlier this week and hopes to get it finished today. This will be the most ginger we've grown in a long time!



We hosted the Stokes County 4-H Summer Camp participants this week and they got to learn about the farm and how we grow ginger. They had lots of great questions as we took a brief tour and finished up their visit picking marigold bouquets to take

home! Thanks for visiting!



War on Weeds

WOW! Another focus of the week has been clearing the weeds in the sweet potatoes and okra. Our beautiful weed-free field had turned into a weed field in just 3 weeks!



But never fear! Jonny and Suzi are here! Conditions had improved such that it was dry enough to weed effectively and they got to work!



Saving the Sweet Potatoes and Okra is a truly noble pursuit!



On-Farm Market Tomorrow!

Y'all came out and showed up here at the farm last Saturday, and we are SO grateful! You made our first on-farm market a HUGE success!

So, we're doing it again! Join us this **Saturday, June 21 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!



We still have lots of **Organic Slicer Tomatoes** -- they are creating quite a buzz on Facebook! We'll also have more delicious and sweet **Carmen and Escamillo Italian Peppers** along with our freshly harvested **Garlic, Garlic Scapes, Elephant Garlic Flowers and Eggplant!**



New this week will be **Swiss Chard, Kale and Lettuce**.

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

Farmer Ray Update: Week 3

Steady progress is a great thing! Ray continued to improve and had a great check-up with the surgical team on Tuesday. They are pleased with his progress and any of the weird things going on (strange temperature swings, tiredness, dizziness) are all completely normal.

He can now drive (the car, anyway -- the tractor has to wait a few more weeks) and he can lift 10 pounds in each hand! Wow!



Your kind email messages, cards and comments on Facebook and Instagram keep on coming and mean so much to us. Plus, we have gotten lots of incredible meals! And we can feel the prayers and positive thoughts coming our way. We appreciate each and every one! They are truly sources of healing.

That's all we've got for you this week, friends! Get yourself ready for a HOT week ahead!

Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

