We're celebrating National Potato Day in TWO places Saturday: at Cobblestone and at the Farm. Join us for the celebration! Don't worry - there will be more than potatoes! Details below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



While we don't have as many zinnias this year around the farm, we have a few. They are making their presence known with their bright colors. The butterflies have definitely taken notice and it seems like we have more this year than ever. Is that happening at your house? And our butterfly bush is bursting with winged visitors. It's such a mesmerizing sight.

To Do...Done!

This task has been on our list for about 4 years: install a roll-up side on the Tabby high tunnel. Between the door, back window and the west side roll-up, it has pretty good ventilation. But there are some days when more breeze would be appreciated by both the plants and the people tending them.



Jonny and Ray knocked it off the list this week -- much to Cheryl's relief when she was harvesting buckets of Picnic Peppers! It's amazing what a difference it makes!



The Little Peach That Could

Our solitary peach tree definitely has ebbs and flows with production. Some years we get only a few peaches and others we get oodles. This was definitely an oodle year!



Ray harvested about 2 bushels and he estimated that there were another 2 bushels that had fallen and were bad because of pest damage (no-spray peach growing has its drawbacks). The tree was so loaded that a major branch of the tree broke.

Several hours later, Ray tucked 25 quarts of peaches into the freezer. We're all ready

for the 2026 Peach Smoothie Season to begin!



REMINDER! Fall Seven Springs Co-Op Orders Due Soon!

Our Fall bulk order from Seven Springs Farm Supply is coming up! Orders are due by **Tuesday, August 19** and we're scheduled to get it delivered the last week of the month (**pickup August 28**th).

If you are looking to stock up on garden items that we might not regularly have on hand, this is a great opportunity to get these items and save on shipping costs. Forms and more information are available at our <u>website</u>. Please pass this on to anyone else you think might be interested.



Spudtacular Saturday!

Boy! It's going to be a dream come true for potato lovers on Saturday! We're celebrating <u>National Potato Day</u> a little early so we've been busy this week getting ready for TWO potato-centric events.



Ray will be at <u>Cobblestone Farmers Market</u> as the headliner for their Potato Day event. The Potato Bar will be fully loaded with SIX varieties of Organic potatoes including Fingerlings, low-glycemic Nicola and Plum Gold, the super popular German Butterball along with Red Potatoes, and Russet Bakers. So many choices to help you enjoy this spud-tastic day! We'll also be bringing Creamer Potato boxes.



In addition to our delicious potatoes, we'll have Garlic, Sweet Peppers and MORE!

And don't miss out on the fun with **Potato Artist Jonny!** He can help you create your very own Mr. or Ms. Potato Head to take home. Find a cool tater with an interesting shape and let your creativity go wild! We'll have stickers, markers and more to spark your creativity. This activity is free and will be set up next to our market tent.



You'll find us under the Purple Tent at the market entrance. Cobblestone is located in the parking lot of **1007 Marshall Street SW at Salem Avenue. The hours are from 8:30-noon.** Parking is available in the lots surrounding the market and along the street. Please make sure not to park in reserved areas or block entrances.

In addition to Cobblestone, our **On-Farm Market** will be happening here at the farm on **Saturday from 9-11**.

We'll have our own Potato Bar and it will be stocked with **FIVE** varieties of potatoes for you including the delicious **LaRatte Fingerlings and Creamer Potato Boxes**!



There will be plenty of **German Butterball** and **Nicola** along with **Sangre** (red skin with white flesh) and **Plum Gold** (dark purple with yellow flesh).

Other goodies await you as well: sweet and nearly seedless **Picnic Peppers**, **Sweet Corno di Toro Italian Peppers**, **Jimmy Nardello Sweet Italian Frying Peppers**, **Shishitos**and **Pimento Peppers** and the delightful floral and smoky **Aji Dulce**.

And we'll have more delicious **Figs** along with Eggplant, **Bulb Garlic (Music and Lorz Italian)**, **Okra** and **Fire Roasted Green Chile and Poblanos**. We'll also have a few **Slicer Tomatoes** and tasty Fruit Boxes filled with delicious **Grape Tomatoes**.

So you've got TWO opportunities to get our delicious Organic produce this Saturday. We hope to see you at one (or both!)

That's all the news for this week, friends. But before we go, we wanted to let you know that Sunday, our little black sheep, BB, will be celebrating her 10th birthday! It's hard to believe that the little ball of curly black fluff that we got in 2015 has been with us for a decade. We got her from our friend Laura Frazier (FarmGirl Arts) when BB was just 5 days old. BB even came to Cobblestone with us because she had to be fed every 3 hours.



BB has become such an integral part of the farm. While she doesn't live in our living room anymore(!), she's still an essential element! We love you, BB!



Have a great weekend!

Until next week, Cheryl & Ray







