This Saturday is a very special day with both our Farm Market AND Last Chance for Fall Plants! We've got lots of fresh, organic goodies for you this week. Plus an excellent selection of Organic Fall Veggie transplants. Hours are from 9-Noon here at the Farm. Details below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



We're ten days away from the official beginning of autumn but our dogwood doesn't seem to care. It's been slowly turning red over the past couple of weeks, and now it is almost in its full glory. This is one of my favorite trees on the farm.

Fabulous Fall Plant Sale!

We had a terrific time last Friday and Saturday with the Fall Plant Sale. Thanks to so many of you who came out for your Fall veggie plants and more!



It's always so much fun to hear about your garden plans and to help you choose the best plant for your needs. We really try to make your shopping experience with us fun and informative.

We couldn't have pulled off this event without some fabulous volunteers! A huge tip of the purple hat goes out to Maggie, Suzi, Lisa, Anastasia, and Annette! You ROCK!







While we had a terrific sale last weekend, we still have a very nice selection of plants remaining. So, the **Fall Organic Plant Sale will be held over on Saturday (9/13) from 9-noon!** This will be your **LAST** chance to find the perfect plants for your Fall garden. We are well stocked with Veggies, Herbs Fruits and more. The only thing that we are out of is Seed Garlic -- this went pretty quickly last weekend.

For more information about the sale, <u>please visit our website</u>. Here's a link to the updated plant availability list.

Don't miss out on this second chance!









It's Gettin' SWEET Around Here!

Around this time of year, we start checking the dates closely because we are trying to

determine the best time to harvest our Sweet Potatoes. The days to maturity (DTM) for Bayou Belle, the earliest of our 3 varieties, is 95 days. The slips were planted on June 5 - which was 98 days ago. It's time to harvest! A quick sample dig validated our calendar math, so we got ready. First, we needed to mow the vines to make it easier to harvest. Our walk-behind tractor with a sickle mower does a great job with that.



Next, we used the potato lifter to move through a bed. It did a great job of getting the sweet potatoes lifted without skinning them -- which is important for curing sweet potatoes. Ray and Jonny got 203 pounds out of that bed. They are now in the greenhouse for curing for about 2 weeks.



We'll be harvesting more next week, and they will be appearing at market later this month!

Plants + Veggies = Love!

This Saturday we'll have our **Last Chance Fall Plant Sale** AND our regular **On-Farm Market from 9-noon**.

New this week -- Fire-Roasted Picnic Peppers! These were a HUGE hit at last week's Market -- they are super sweet and have a nice caramelized flavor. YUM! The peppers are vacuum-packed, frozen and ready to go. We also have Fire-Roasted Corno di Toro Sweet Peppers along with Roasted Sweet Pimento Peppers. There's some good eating ahead, for sure!

We'll also have our famous Snacking Cucumbers and tender young Yellow Squash

along with lots of Okra, and lots of Sweet Pepper options.



The **Potato Bar** will be fully stocked with LaRatte Fingerling potatoes and THREE other varieties (crowd-pleasing German Butterball, low-glycemic Nicola, and low glycemic Plum Gold) plus Creamers. And we have delicious Organic **Eggplant**, Aji Dulce Spice Peppers, Garlic, Elephant Garlic, Shishitos, Green Tomatoes (plus a terrific salsa recipe) and MORE! And, of course, everything we grow is Certified Organic.

For your planning purposes, we are planning on continuing these Saturday Markets at the farm through at least September. Stay posted so you'll be the first to know! We hope to see you here at the Farm soon. Tuxie says he'll just hang out here waiting for you.



That's our news for this week, friends. Get out and enjoy this beautiful weekend!

Here's something on our radar: <u>The North Carolina Folk Festival</u>. This free event in downtown Greensboro runs from Friday to Sunday. It features an incredible lineup of performances across multiple genres, artists from around the globe, and a celebration

of NC's rich heritage, there's something for everyone!



Have a great weekend!

Until next week,

Cheryl & Ray







