

Warm Greetings from the Farm!

As the coldest night of the year or in recent history approaches, we thought we would send you warm thoughts from the farm. The weather has not deterred us from getting our transplants in, so we are right on schedule! Here are some pictures of the nursery for you to see how we are growing. When you walk into the farm kitchen right now it truly does smell like Spring!



Growing up I was privileged to my Granny's "Old Wise Tales", but as I started watching for my own scientific analysis I began to realize she was never too far off! Obviously my Dad grew up with the same "tales", and he has informed me that with a February this cold that we will have an early Spring! Yippee! Let's just warm up on that thought for the moment! ♥

Another warming thought is how all the frigid temperatures and snow is making it difficult for the insects to survive in the fields, and we are looking at a season with much less pest pressure on our produce! We also know that our cover crops planted in the Spring are fixing the nitrogen in the soil, and this will make for a richer soil for our upcoming season. One of my favorite things to do is to read about farming, and of course more specifically about organic farming. I love The Farm Journal Publications from the late 1800's and Early 1900's. I recently found an article on "A Little Fertilizer Talk", and here is what they said in January 1902 about fertilizers:

"The man who lets his stable manure lie under the eaves of his barn and the best part of it leach out and run into the road or the nearest stream, wastes his money when he buys fertilizer. So does the man who lets his land lie naked all winter when it might be covered snugly with rye or clover or some other cover crop. "

No worries as our fields are covered snugly!



Oak Hart Grandbabies in Clover Cover Crop



Rye Cover Crop in the Sweet Potato Field

EXCITING NEW OFFERINGS TO MAKE EATING LOCAL EASIER!

Our last warming thought for today is we will be your one stop pickup for produce, eggs, and new this season ***OHF baked bread, and organic dairy product delivery from Trickling Springs Dairy!*** We will be accepting egg share applications this week, and we will let you know more about the bread and dairy options in the next couple of weeks. We will also be exploring more options for organically raised meats. It is our goal to make it easy for our customers to support our local economy while receiving clean and nutritionally dense food. We are pleased to be able to offer these choices to you and your family, as we know it is a priority to eat healthy local foods.

We will be partnering with our good friends, Beth and Amanda from Red Barn Farmstead again this year. By purchasing a share, you are helping to preserve local, small-scale sustainable agriculture. Eggs from Red Barn and Oak Hart are from free range chickens, fed Non-GMO feed, and are simply just very happy chickens! The share cost in \$68.00 for a dozen eggs per week.

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We look forward to seeing everyone on the farm soon! Stay warm and think Spring!