



Sprouting Acres Spring Newsletter

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Welcome to week 9 of your Sprouting Acres CSA. Well, when it rains, it really rains these days. Three days ago the chance of rain was maybe 40%. We got 1 1/2" in about an hour. It was much needed rain by when it comes that fast it washes away seeds. So, we may be re-seeding some spinach and a few other crops but the rain was needed and we didn't have to move around irrigation which is always nice.

We have all the garlic in the greenhouse drying out and we are almost done pulling in the onions to dry as well. They take a good two to three weeks with a lot of fans running to get them to dry down faster. Once they are dried/cured, they can go into waxed boxes and stored somewhere cool until late fall. Then we move them into the walk-in cooler for winter storage. We still have a dozen or so of some yellow onions from last year in the cooler and they are still hard. That's almost a year!

The beans this week are delicious. We have a mix of green and yellow beans in the boxes and there are more to come. We are also replanting beans this week so we can have some late into the fall. The tomatoes slowed down a bit last week without much heat but they are rebounding quickly. The outdoor plum tomatoes should be really ripening up by the middle of the month.

The cucumbers are also getting heavy with fruit this week. We planted a new row in the hoop house and hope to see those sizing up by mid-September. It's hard to believe that mid-September is only 6 weeks away! Autumn will be here before we know it and we are working on getting the fields filled with great greens and lots of other goodies for the boxes and market. Stay cool over the next few days, stay hydrated, eat your vegetables, (they're mostly water) and have a great weekend.

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We are almost done with the pizza oven base. One more layer of concrete block, then two slabs of concrete for the hearth base. Once that is done, we make a sand mold in the shape of the dome. It's coming along nicely and we should have it close to done by the end of the month! We are getting excited for pizza on the farm.

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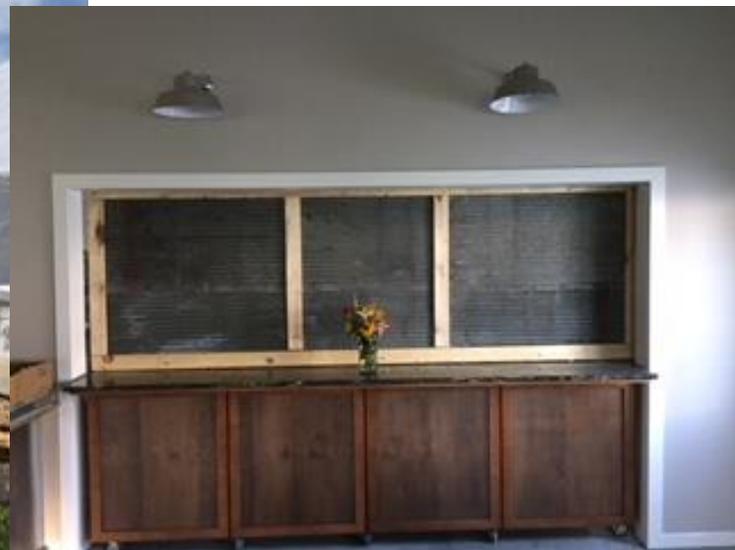
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1 The new sliding window to the kitchen, it's almost done.