

Most winter squash and pumpkin is out of the field, and we are harvesting carrots as needed for sales. Potato digging has a long way to go. Good crop of beet and turnip can sit there for a while till we get to them. Struggling to get anything done like straightening out the messes in the blueberries and summer raspberries. Fall sales retail and wholesale have remained strong. Our stand will shut down Columbus day per usual, freeing up a few hands to help the field crew.

A mock FSMA inspection coming up with State and FDA personnel has got us a little nervous. I have heard rumors that written policies are something they are looking for, and currently we are weak in that area.

(Little Compton RI) Our drought-stricken corner of New England finally got some broccoli and cauliflower-saving rain. Five acres had been kept limping along with Kifco water guns but drought as well as deer. Finally spent the money at Wellscroft on three-dimensional deer fence deer see it: 6000 volts on their tongue creates and deep memory.

Our trusted Jang five row seeder has had some issues for the last few months; with the drive wheel system getting stuck on certain rotations which created maddening skips in the rows! After greasing everything we could think of, it came down to worn out bushings either side of the seed container drive sprocket. These can be bought from Mechanical Transplanter Co. but this winter we are going to rebuild the front drive gang with a few drive spike wheels to make sure we get solid traction and no more skips.

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(New London NH) It is certainly starting to feel like fall on the farm. All of the potatoes are harvested and stored, sweet potatoes are curing nicely, fall vines are all harvested, and the farm stand is surrounded by displays of pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, and fall plants. Still no sign of any frost so we continue to harvest things like tomatoes, sweet corn, cucumbers, zucchini, beans, and peppers along with fall raspberries and strawberries. Fall broccoli and cauliflower has not been great this year due to high temps in August. Our last planting looks much better than the

(Argyle NY) The cooler temps have set in, but no frost in sight all the way to mid-October. Life is easier this way though we depend on row covers to keep falling tree leaves out of the lettuce. Y gønn uvknn vcmg vjg yct ogt fc{u. Vtcpukvkqpkpi cnn 3 vwppgnu vq ykpvgt rtqfwevkqp jcu vcmgp wr c lot of our time, along with harvesting winter squash, etc. The tunnels are about done with the last of the bed-steaming done today. We did that last year and all but eliminated weeding in the tunnels. Sweet potatoes are next to harvest, later than usual, but the temps have allowed us to delay.

We are working with Meg McGrath at Cornell on Long Island to trial 20 varieties of spinach to test resistance to 17 different downy mildew strains. (Editors note: contact Dr. McGrath if you want to conduct a trial on your farm, she still has some seed available: mtm3@cornell.edu.) We also worked with Cornell

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