

Vermont Vegetable and Berry News – October 2

But we're very happy with the two inches of rain, long-awaited, we got last week, which have given a big boost to crops still in the ground.

Cover crops are doing a good job of covering bare ground. NRCS requires two or three different varieties of cover crops for each seeding, which is a little difficult because of the differing seed size for field peas, crimson clover, tillage radish and winter rye, as well as a few turnips we've planted.

Sales have been strong this fall for just about everything. Lettuce sales have picked back up and our Florida market is back on track. So all in all, the outlook is good.

(S. Royalton) Worst squash, pumpkin harvest in 25 years. Heat and vine borer, and lots of rotting fruit on the ground. On the upside onions, shallots were great. Four crazy hard early frosts: 25, 20, 25 and 25, yup 20

(Plainfield NH) 2.5 inches of rain was the most welcome guest of the season. In full harvest mode here; irrigation was out of the question with no labor for it and no water in the river. Potato crop is decent despite lack of moisture, fall carrots should size up nicely with the recent rain. Most beets are in bins, garlic is dried and topped. Turnips and late potatoes need to be pulled.

The farmstand will close Oct.