

Vermont Vegetable and Berry News – November 5, 2014  
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## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

(Westminster West) Ended our last farmers' market last week and had a record day of sales. This extended mild weather sure has made things a bit easier and stuff keeps on growing! Two pound

(Weare NH) Still harvesting kale and some root crops. Field cleanup, amendment application and later this month, dormant cover crop seeding to be done. Tunnel planted with spinach, lettuce, kale, scallions and carrots.

(Newburyport MA) First SWD outbreak came with the warm temps of October 15 and 16. A lot of damage to late ever-bearing strawberries. But the flies were short-lived and we have nice berries to pick this first weekend in November. I really like Evie 2 for nice large, late fruit with good flavor. Fields still filled with beautiful greens and root crops. Greenhouse celery, herbs and chard look great. Swiss chard cv. 'Celebration' still looks good in the field with no leaf diseases all season. Soil conditions perfect for planting winter cover crops. Winter CSA and farmers' market sales a little weak.

(Rochester) The fall raspberry season came to a close on Columbus Day weekend with night of 23° F. While it is a shame to see developing fruit destroyed, one can't complain about a berry harvest that extends ten days into October. And, we were happy to switch out of picking mode, move onto other tasks, and take an actual day off.

(Richmond) We enjoyed 2 months of PYO fall raspberries, Aug.

(Plainfield NH) Temperate weather is enabling us to do fall clean up and making it easier to wash and p

## FDA SESSION IN VERMONT ON FSMA REVISED RULES - NOV. 17

FDA Deputy Commissioner Mike Taylor and subject matter experts will be in Vermont to take part in a 'listening session' regarding the recent revisions to proposed rules that will guide implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The session will take place Nov. 17 from 9am to 1pm in the Chase Center at Vermont Law School in South Royalton, VT. It was arranged by the Vermont and Northeast