



(Dummerston) Everything down our way seems almost a week behind. Tried to dig into a compost pile to fertilize tunnels and it was like a concrete bunker. The thickest frozen crust we've ever had. Time to look into compost covers to keep the water out over the winter.

Late spinach growth and sales were strong but time to renovate greenhouses for tomatoes and bedding plants. Starting to get really well-parasitized oat aphids on the banker plants so troops are on the way. There was a shortage of banker plants earlier this year that put us behind in aphid control in the greenhouses for a while as biocontrols are in "high" demand with the cannabis growers. We're also adding more habitat plants to the mix to provide additional good bug barracks.

Lots of new varieties to try this year as we explore more finger food types of vegetables for those who can't chop up a head of lettuce or slice a tomato. Hit the lottery this fall when a good agricultural mechanic from California moved into town so equipment is smiling. Folks are calling to find out when we open. It must mean Spring is here. Looks like a good season. We're all going to be rich!

(Shelburne/S.Burlington) Finally the overwintered crops took off with the several weeks of



Common abiotic issues this time of year are: curling and twisting of young foliage, due to ethylene injury from a cracked or poorly ventilated heater, and white bleaching of leaves/whitish leaf spotting related to cold damage. When young transplants are put into cooler soils they often may show these types of bleaching/spotting symptoms even if the air temps have not been that cold. Either of these may have occurred when the affected leaves were just coming out, so if it looks like only