(Abington CT) Strawberries are uncovered and looking healthy, garlic is up 6 inches and seems to have survived the winter just fine. I am looking into buying a sprayer from IVA in Lancaster County, they have a small 50 gallon 12 volt pump with 15' boom model that can be used with one or two animals. The ground dearance is 30" and the boom is on a winch and can be adjusted from 1' to 7' off the ground. I plan on using this for foliar feeding and to inoculate some new ground that I am remediating with Quantum Growth and Pseudomonas, it was GMO corn ground. First seeding is in the ground and under my new Typar fabric; they should be germinating any day now. Greenhouse is going well and I will harden off my onions next week for transplanting. I used the oxen to disc oat and pea debris into the ground to start decomposing; I was able to weight the disc down with myself because they drive from behind with lines.

(Plainfield NH) Field work proceeding slowly as weather has been less than good for growing; two inches of sleet on ground from recent storm. Late farm projects have gone well in the absence of good growing conditions. We replaced lean-to cold frames on 2 houses with a single greenhouse structure and constructed some portable greenhouse-based housing for our meat birds that can be moved about the fields on skids. We are going to experiment with running laying hens in our blueberries and raspberries post-harvest for weed seed and spent fruit clean up. We tried it a little late last fall and were amazed at what we found. Ornamental and vegetable greenhouses are going well, keeping a dose eye on the thrips population as incoming plant material has had thrips on it and I harbored a pretty good population in some large overwintered rosemary plants. Although used spinosad and some endeavor once to spot-treat the rosemary, control has been achieved primarily through weekly applications throughout the houses with Steinermera feltiae (beneficial nematodes) and some Orius (minute pirate bug). Vigilance in scouting because grafted tomatoes could be exposed to INSV (impatiens necrotic spot virus) through vectoring by thrips. Planting greenhouses to tomatoes. Two weeks ago a furnace ignition likely coupled with a wind event resulted in a flash fire that burned up one of our houses.

corymbosi, is a two stage disease. The first stage is in the cool spring when the fungal spores move by wind and rain and infect new leaves and shoots. The next phase occurs when the fungus, carried by rain, pollinators and insects, moves to the flower and infects the newly forming berries. The berries shrivel before they ripen, take on a whitish appearance, and eventually drop to the ground. The following spring, mushroom-looking fungal cups sprout out The nymphs are the immature stage, and look similar to the adults but smaller and always wingless; adults can be with or without wings. Aphids have a stylet to suck up plant sap, and this can transmit plant