

(Plainfield NH) Banking some much-needed ground moisture in our area, whereas others would like a little less of the rain. Normal field tillage is underway: spading, harrowing, plowing and fertilizing. Raspberries came through the winter very well; a little early to tell how the strawberries did; blueberries seem to be budding up well with a good fruit load. Opened last week for ornamental sales but weather has not inspired home gardeners so sales are slow.

In the greenhouses I had to pull the plug on part of the beneficials program. After struggling with spider mites for the last 2 months it was determined that *Phytoseiulus persimilis* was not going to solve the problem, so I had to go in with Avid (abamectin), and it may take an .her has

High quality transplants starting to go into the field. Increased all plug sizes this season for higher soil mix volumes and it's paying off in better transplants. Farmers' Markets sales are pretty good. CSA Share signups are running behind last year.

(Argyle NY) Depending on the soil type I'm either waiting for it to dry or irrigating to get the transplants or seeds watered in. Overwintered onions that were in a tunnel are starting to swell but the ones with just rowcover over the winter are lagging way behind. Interesting to see if it makes a difference in the end. Last year it didn't but they matured later

Highlights include: Cleaning, sanitizing and inspection of surfaces. Checking the envelope.

UPDATE ON PRODUCE SAFETY REGULATIONS

Confused about whether you have to comply with FSMA? Wondering how that relates to GAPS and CAPS? Want to know who to contact for help? This 3-page fact sheet tries to sum it up: <http://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/factsheets/ProduceSafetyRegulationsUpdate2017.pdf>

MAKE SURE YOUR FARM COUNTS IN THE CENSUS OF AG

NASS conducts a census of all agricultural operations every five years. They need to know about all types of farm, of all sizes. The information you provide is kept confidential by law and will not be disclosed to any other government agency or private entity. However, the aggregate data is widely used to determine funding levels for important farm programs. You can complete the survey on-line at: <https://www.agcounts.usda.gov/cgi-bin/counts/>

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON FSMA WITH THE VT AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE

Emma Hanson, newly hired Produce Safety Outreach Coordinator at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, would like to interview Vermont produce growers to learn what you know about the FSMA Produce Safety Rule, the best way to get information to you, and how the Agency can best offer support. She invites you to take part in a non-regulatory, informal interview either on your farm or over the phone, for about half an hour. If you would like to participate, please contact her: Emma.Hanson@vermont.gov