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(Burlington) Thanks to all of you farms around Vermont that sent some rep4uyou fp4uht

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most years we can see the end in sight by

though; dry. This week looks like the heat is returning once more after the weekend cool stretch. The cucumber beetles have been really bad in the greenhouse this year, but a spray of Surround and Entrust seems to have knocked them way back.

(Salisbury NH) Too much to do already. Transplants to get into the ground, new seedings to replace items already picked; good sales so far. First almost two weeks of rain, then several days of gale force winds, now dry, hot sunny weather. We don't have irrigation so it really hurts. Radishes were really damaged by root maggot. Flea beetles settled into the hoophouse which is just about the time it's too hot for anything in there anyway. Never enough spinach. People always ask for it. Strawberries might survive the dreaded TPB this year. Last year we lost almost 100% of the crop. Raspberries look very good; no winter kill. Blueberries are good too even though we pruned them hard. Now we just need rain to plump them up. String beans up about 4 inches. Could use more water to really speed growth.

(Argyle NY) I talked to a farmer who has farmed 74 years last week, and he said this is the worse spring he has ever seen. It is been our most challenging too though we've only farmed for 23 years. Too

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Early varieties and plants that were under row covers in southern Maine (and VT) are now just past bloom, with primary flowers starting to size into green fruit. Later varieties are mostly in bloom this week. The mix of hot and cold weather recently has made it challenging to predict when the crop will be ready, but it still looks as though it may only be a day or