

April 8, 2010

We finished construction of our greenhouse in mid-March and we now have well over 100 flats of cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, Napa cabbage, scallions, celeriac, celery, eggplants, peppers and herbs started and sprouting, with the much-anticipated tomatoes starting next week. It's just amazing to look in and see the flush of green against the dark soil that comes on all at once. I've really noticed the changes this year with the greening of the grass and the blush of the maple trees and the swelling yellow of the willows, now the small green leaves coming on – in the past, these events either went unnoticed or seemed to happen overnight, and I guess that's what happens when you're cooped up inside all day. We're lucky to be out in it, living the dream.

Just yesterday, Chris plowed and tilled up our "Barn Garden", which is generally our earliest planting spot. He got in sugar snap and snow peas, beets, carrots, radishes, and direct seeded some scallions. Our first transplanting date for broccoli and lettuce is only about a week away! Hard to believe, but the busy season has officially arrived. He's back at it today, plowing and tilling before we get the rain that is predicted for tonight and tomorrow.

Our garlic is all up – the tops are about 6 inches high already. Alex and Ben were sampling some yesterday, and liked it surprisingly well!

UPS delivered 600 pounds of seed potatoes on Tuesday. We've got a new spot to plant them this year that has not had potatoes planted on it before...just playing it safe to not get any contamination from last year's blight. We'll spend a few evenings cutting them up, then have another planting party with the Newbanks family and anyone else who wants to join – sometime in early to mid May. We'll keep an eye on the weather and keep everyone posted with a date for that.

Our hens are picking up their egg production, so we do have eggs available now above and beyond our pre-orders. The hens are free-roaming and fed certified organic grain. Eggs are absolutely delicious and cost \$5.00 per dozen. Email or call if you want to pick some up.

All in all, this is shaping up to be a great year! Thanks to everyone who is paid up on their shares. If you are unsure of your balance due, please ask. We still have availability, so if you or someone you know are interested in a share, sign up soon!

Best wishes from your farmers,

Samantha, Chris, Alex & Benjamin