

Newsletter 3/4/2022

Good morning. A bright and sunny day here on the farm, but very cold. 0°F on the thermometer. Patrick Hammer says we will see 60°F on Sunday. The snow pack has diminished and a walk in the pastures revealed a few sprigs of green peeking out of the snow.

This weekend is the last call for orders of plant starts. We need to get them planted so that you can receive them on time. Hannah and Erin have been planting all week. Spring is on the way! Onions, leeks, shallots, celery, early tomatoes and a few herbs are planted in the greenhouse.

Our supplies of a few things are running out. Our winter squash, potatoes and shallots are done for the year. We have a few onions, carrots and garlic left. We are offering a Yukon potatoes from Thorpes.

Jenny keeps developing ideas for Heritage Kitchen offerings. She has been working on the sweets and treats offerings (biscuits) for our summer CSA and I have been tortured (sarcasm) with things that are not helping my weigh loss goals. If you have suggestions or recipes you would like to see us work on, please share.

Haylage and feed prices have increased very significantly by about 25%. Fertilizer prices are up by about 50%. Land taxes are up by about 20% due to revaluation. Seed prices are up by 20%. Labor overtime rules and rates have changed for farms as well. Needless to say our prices can't stay the same, as we reevaluate everything.

We have decided to leave our CSA prices at current levels, but our retail and market prices will be increasing. Getting our home delivery CSA will protect you from rising prices that will be seen this year. Please consider helping us offset some of these price increases by signing up so we can pre-buy some of our inputs.

Not all news is gloomy. We try to remain positive and keep a good energy around what we are doing. We walk in the sun and watch our world come back to life after a winter rest. Peace~ Kent, Jenny, Hannah, Eric and Erin

