

Happy Valentines Day!

Today is the first real warm up of spring. The neighbors are tapping the maple trees and setting up their collection lines. I am starting to go to bed on time and getting up earlier. The sunrise this morning feels like spring. We will get anxious but need to hold off planting for a couple weeks yet.

Our paperwork and records to the New York Organic Farmers Association has been submitted. NOFA has been our certifier for the past several years and we look forward to having our certification renewed for 2022. Plato Dale Farm is certified to grow organic chicken, eggs, fruits, herbs and vegetables.

A core value at Plato Dale Farm is to feed our community with high quality food. Support of our local food banks, Big Big Table , food distributions and food charities is important to us. With the help of the DeTitta family and others, we have been able to donate over \$13,000 worth of food this year. If you would like to help financially in our food donation work, we would love to talk.

Hannah put together our seed shipments and is getting our greenhouse work started. Our starter mix from Vermont Compost has arrived. Local seed companies provide a great selection of seeds that thrive in our local climate and that are developed for organic production with disease resistances. Some of these are Fruition Seeds, High Mowing Organic Seeds and Johnny's Seeds. We are super excited for newly available organic fruit trees from Fruition. These are varieties that will thrive in our colder micro climate.

A new offering for this year is seedlings for your garden. We will be offering some of these great varieties to our customers in seedling form. You can sign up on our website.

We want to offer a gentle reminder to get your signup done for summer Home Delivery CSA and/or our Market CSA Accounts. This coming week is National CSA week. Spread the word about the great local farms in our community.

I hope you enjoy the warmth today and go for a walk. Peace~ Kent and the Plato Dale Crew.

