

## Newsletter 6/10/2022

The cold weather continues for us on the farm, but it looks like warm weather is on the way. We got an inch of much needed rain over the last couple days, so we hope to see things get growing.

If you ever talk to a farmer, don't get us going on the weather. It is our lifeblood. Sort of boring but we are gaming mother nature and trying to work with what she gives us.

The first of our share weeks is finally here. We are starting with our weekly shares this coming week. The biweekly shares will start the next week. As always our first shares are lighter than the rest of the season. We have greens, herbs, asparagus and a few other things. Don't be discouraged, the fields are planted and all we need is some warmth and time.

We finished our first cutting this week. Our neighbor sells us haylage and cuts our own for storage in our bunk silo. It is the most expensive thing we do. Last week we stored about 1000 tons of haylage.

Haylage is fermented pasture. It is the same process one would use for sauerkraut. We want the ferment to be high in lactic acid with a low PH to make it stable and last for a long time. The grass and legume mix is cut up by a large machine called a chopper. It is blown into a truck and then dumped in our silo. We level it out and then drive on it with a large tractor to pack it in. We spend a lot of time packing the grass to exclude the air. We then cover it with 2 layers of plastic and put cut tires on top of the plastic to seal it.

June is a lot of work. If you see our crew at market seeming a little tired, be kind to them. We are into weeding season, and it takes all of our energy to stay at it. The main planting season is behind us. We will still plant lettuces, greens and then fall crops through July.

Farm stand hours: Saturdays 9-2. Self serve hours will start in July. Monday-Friday 9-4.

Thanks for all of your support.

