Newsletter 8/19/2022

Weekly week coming up.

We had a fun day this week helping Thorpe's Organic Farm doing some of their chicken slaughter and butchering. It was great to have time to talk and learn from each other. Sometimes we only take that time when doing something else. We appreciate the Thorpe family and all they have done for agriculture in our area.

We are starting the clean up the field's early crops, mowing, pulling the mulch and getting the soil ready for next year. It is a constant cycle to keep our soil resource healthy!

The weather has cooled noticeably. This will push us to finish our planting for the year with fall lettuces, greens, peas and to protect our cabbages and kole crops from the dreaded cabbage looper caterpillar and swede midge. Basil and other warm season crops will start to go down with the heavy dew of the cool nights.

Tomatoes are finally ripening in larger numbers. We will have processing tomato half bushels up on the custom order starting next week.

We should finish potato harvest next week. Then we will be on to carrots.

The melons don't look great. It seems the squash borer has struck again. We hope the winter squash will fare better. As of now it is growing well.

Apples are coming quickly, fall plums and grapes will be on the fruit menu.

As the season rolls on we are looking for any input that you may have into your share or market experience. We hope to keep improving and need your ideas and critiques to help us do that.

Thanks for all of your support from
all of us at Plato Dale Farm.