

# Jimmy Acres: A Tommerdahl Family Farm

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Hello friends and neighbors!

Happy end of the year! We hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday season. With the holidays and cold weather, we haven't gotten too much done around the farm this month, but we have looked at a lot of seed catalogs and gotten excited for the the new year ahead. We've also spent time reflecting on what we've accomplished this year and thinking about how we can continue to grow and improve in the upcoming year.



Thanks to all who have helped us to have a successful 2017! We've really enjoyed meeting so many new people and being able to share our produce with the community. This year, we greatly increased our reach within the Chapel Hill community with both the Bowden Road farm stand and the Cedar Falls Park farmer's market over the summer. With the completion of the greenhouse this past February, we were also able to expand our plant sales in the spring. Out at the farm, we built soil, grew our microbe community, fed worms, encouraged the

growth of beneficial insect populations, put lots of roots in the ground, sequestered carbon, and as a side effect of this, we harvested some food! We've continued to learn about and understand the complex ecosystems involved in growing food, and we hope to continue developing our methods and learning new techniques so that we can better take advantage of all the help that nature has to offer. We also have exciting plans for updating and expanding the Bowden farm stand before we open again in the spring!



Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and delicious 2018!

*If you have any suggestions for things you'd like to see in future newsletters, or have any ideas for how we can improve our customer service or your produce-buying and -consuming experience, please let us know! And as always, please feel free to pass this along to all of your produce-loving friends and neighbors!*

*"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."*

*~Anne Bradstreet~*