

Jimmy Acres: A Tommerdahl Family Farm

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Hello friends and neighbors!

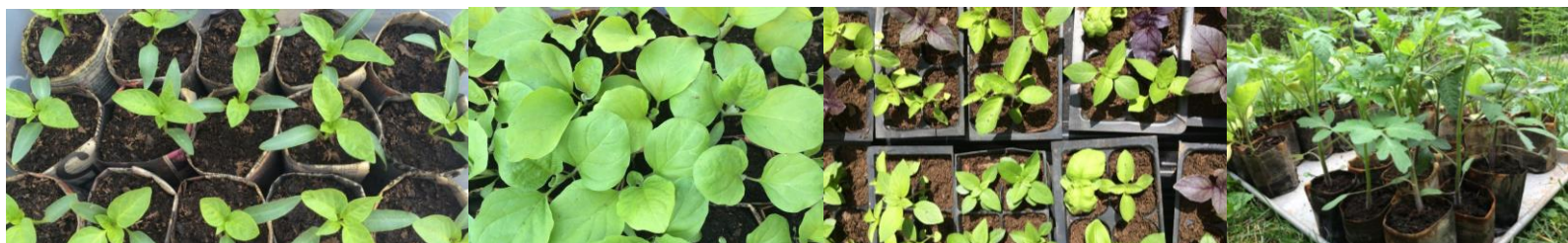
What a month it has been—from sledding in 12 inches of snow one week, to barefoot gardening the next, that pretty much explains why winter gardening is difficult around here. Jake's cows at Summerfield Farms were a bit confused with the weather swings as well! But we've still been productive this month at getting things ready for once the weather settles down a bit:



- ♣ Spring seeds have been started! Spinach, kale, lettuce, onions, cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower are happily growing in the greenhouse. Hopefully some will be able to get their roots in the ground within the next month if the weather cooperates.
- ♣ Winter projects at the farm have continued, including maintenance on the fence around the garden, mulching and pruning the blueberries, and re-locating more trees to their permanent locations.
- ♣ We've taken a good bit of time this winter to do some reading, learning, and planning for implementing new techniques around the farm. We've learned a lot about composting, compost tea, biochar, soil carbon, and bacteria/fungi ratios and how that influences crop productivity. It's always exciting to see what other farmers are doing and get ideas for what we can do better. We definitely have room for improvement and are excited to start experimenting with new techniques this spring!
- ♣ Other cold-day projects this month included starting a website (coming soon!), ordering new seeds, and beginning work on a new seed catalogue produce table (also coming soon!).
- ♣ We're excited to announce that the Bowden Road farm stand in Chapel Hill is migrating! We'll be at the same address, but we're moving into a different area to give us more space and it should be more convenient for y'all to stop by. We've begun the process of giving the old shed a facelift and are really happy with how things are looking so far. More to come on that next month!



It's never too early to start planning next year's garden! Our summer seeds (tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, basil) will be started within the next few weeks. We are planning on selling transplants again this spring and while pre-orders are not necessary, if you have any specific variety requests, now's the time to tell us! Send us an email at JimmyAcresFarm@gmail.com with your requests or for more info.



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 you want to make small changes, change the way you do things. If you want to make big changes, change the way you see things."

~Don Campbell~

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