

Jimmy Acres: A Tommerdahl Family Farm

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Hello friends and neighbors!

We hope that y'all enjoyed your Thanksgiving, with delicious food and great company! Jimmy Acres was well represented around the Tommerdahl table this year, with dishes featuring watermelon, tomatoes, peppers, garlic, pumpkin, **giant sweet potatoes**, and a purple sweet potato pie for dessert!



- ♣ Things have slowed down around the garden this month with the first frost hitting a few weeks back. While it's a little sad to see the annuals die off after all the incredible work they did for us through the summer, it's also a relief to get a bit of a break! We do have some greens hanging on through the cold, but we likely won't have any to share this winter while we're still figuring out timing, methods, and best varieties for efficient fall/winter/spring crops. We also have the greenhouse to experiment with this winter for the first time and hope to figure out how to keep some more cold-sensitive plants alive and happy through the winter.
- ♣ Fall is also the season to start next year's alliums! Garlic sets made it into the ground this month (including 3 new varieties!), and onion seeds have been started as well.
- ♣ This fall and winter, we'll be moving a batch of trees out to their final locations on the farm. In 2014-2015, we planted several hundred seedling trees in a garden to grow until they were big enough to not get lost when placed around the farm. Now that we have a few areas that are tame enough to plant in and a group of trees that has taken off, we're finally ready to move many of these crabapples, wild plums, chestnuts, and mulberry trees. Some may turn into wildlife resources, and we plan on turning some into grafting root stock. We moved 50+ trees over Thanksgiving weekend and hope to move several dozen more by the end of winter.
- ♣ With cold days and longer nights ahead of us, it's time to start planning next year's crops. If you have any thoughts on the subject, we'd love to hear them! Were there any varieties of veggies that we had this year that you'd really like to see again next year? Or any that you didn't really care for? Or maybe you have a favorite that we didn't have that you'd like to see next year. We'd also love to hear any ideas you may have about improving the farm stand and/or email updates, or how we can make things more convenient for you. We can't grow unless we know!



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!

Meet Our Workers

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Chris



Job Title: Manager of shiitake, orchard, beehive, and beautification/landscaping + newsletter editor

Job Description: Planning layout of orchards, planting fruit trees, inoculating shiitake logs, managing (weeding and pruning) fruit trees and blueberry bushes, beekeeper, tomato table maker, and future apple harvester and apple cider maker!

Hobbies: Cycling, hiking, and visiting National Parks (I've been to 27!)

Favorite Veggie: Tomatoes and watermelon...not technically veggies, but they're my favorite things from the garden

Favorite gardening task: Picking out new types of trees to plant

Least favorite gardening task: Encountering poison ivy

Most important thing you've learned from farming/gardening: Just jump in and begin! It's easy to get bogged down in the planning stage and never get started...I haven't quite figured out how to avoid this yet, but it's one of my goals.

Goals for the farm: To have more fruit than we know what to do with!



"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect."

~Mark Twain~

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