

Happy March!!

We are thrilled that March has arrived. We enjoy the more restful pace of winter, but can't wait to smell and feel the soil again. The greenhouse is up and ready to go. We (meaning Mike and friends) have done a lot of work on it over the weekends in February. The seeds are organized and the bags of potting soil are stacked, waiting to be used. We'll start planting the second week of March. Broccoli is one of the first crops we'll plant.

March also means that the Maple Sap run will soon be on. The trees will be tapped at our cabin the first weekend in March. As soon as the daily temperatures rise above freezing, while the night temps are below freezing, the sap will run. Once collected it'll be cooked down into Maple Syrup. Yummy!

I will soon get to check my bees to see if they've made it through the winter. I'll wait for a warm day (40 degrees or more) to check them.

The chickens have been molting the last few weeks. They're getting a new crop of feathers, losing some of their old ones. It also means they're laying less. They'll pick up again once they've finished molting. The added daylight, warmth and time outside will also help. They don't like going outside into the snow, so I know that they too are looking forward to scratching in dirt again. Later in spring we will be ordering a new flock of chicks to help out the older gals. We're thinking about a flock of Barred Rock to join our Rhode Island Reds.

We continue to receive membership forms and payments several times a week. There's still room, so if you haven't mailed yours in yet, please do. Your payments help us to pay for the many start-up costs of each season. This is one of the many wonderful aspects of the CSA model. Most farmers take huge loans out in order to put their crops in. They must wait for harvest time to get paid and repay the loans. Your payments up-front allow for us to better budget and pay for the things we need (potting soil, propane, machinery, wash shed improvements, seeds, etc.) immediately.

Thank you!

Again- Happy March! May the luck O' the Irish be with ye!

Jody and Mike