

Jelli's Market

March 2009 Newsletter

We are starting something new this year. I am going to try to do a newsletter every once in awhile. I plan to share news about Jelli's Market, what we are currently selling, as well as maybe a recipe or two. Hope you enjoy it, and please feel free to comment on things you might want to be included, or other ideas you wish to share.

What's new this spring:

After our very long January, which seemed even longer than last year to many of us, we are looking forward to spring and putting our winter long johns on the shelf. Steve and I made the decision to expand a couple different areas of our business, and the first thing you will notice when you drive in this year is our new 22 x 40 foot greenhouse. We have been thinking about this for awhile, and decided it was time to try it out.

Now I will be able to start more vegetable plants, as well as have extras to sell to people. We also plan to have annual flower plants for sale, so plan to stop by when you get ready to plant your flower gardens. Prices will be posted on the home page of the website as soon as they are available. Hopefully this greenhouse will allow us to supply those of you looking for greater quantities of vegetables with the amounts that you need. (and hopefully we won't have another flood this year that will ruin my tomato crop again!)

Happenings at Jelli's Market:

The strawberries are covered with straw for the winter, just waiting for it to warm up so they can begin growing again. Our raspberries will be pruned in March as soon as some of the snow melts. Pruning needs to occur before they come out of dormancy so the plants don't get injured from the pruning process. Seeds have been ordered, and tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and a few more vegetables will be started inside.

We have ordered our new strawberries to plant this year, as well as some more blueberries and asparagus. We hope to plant about another half an acre of asparagus this spring. It won't be ready to harvest for 3 years, but we seem to sell more asparagus each year, so we hope to keep up with the demand better this way.

We planted blueberries last spring, with the hope that we can succeed in the difficult process of growing them in a climate that they don't normally grow in. Blueberries need very acidic soil, which our is not, so we have to add tree mulch and bark very frequently to keep the soil at the pH the plants grow in. We will know later this spring if it is working or not. More on this venture as we progress into summer.

Webpage:

You will probably notice a few changes to our website since last year. We felt we needed to add more information, so we pretty much revamped it over the winter, and hope the changes are for the better. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to email us and let us know.

Hope you enjoy the last days of winter!
Think Spring!

Jody

