

Jelli's Market "Spring" Newsletter

March is here, and we are excited about the warmer weather! Hope you all survived another Wisconsin winter. This past week sure was enjoyable, and it made us start to get fired up for all the work that spring means each year. We even began pruning the raspberries, which is one of the least favorite spring tasks here, but a necessary one.

We have planted some of our seeds already, and will be seeding a lot more in the next few weeks. Our plans are to raise even more vegetable plants this year so we have more varieties and quantity to offer to our customers. We had a lot of people ask for certain items, and we did order quite a few new vegetables to plant. I'm going to try my hand at everything from the usual tomatoes, cucumbers, kohlrabi, cauliflower and broccoli to different herbs such as lavender, basil, dill and parsley. We will see what happens!

It seems like we have spent almost all of our winter cutting down trees and splitting wood. We do heat our house with wood, but now our greenhouse is also heated with the same outdoor furnace, and wow does it take a lot of wood to heat both overnight! We trimmed and cut down a bunch of trees in both our yard and lane, so I've been raking and picking up branches for months! For those of you who have been here before, it will look different.

Other than the greenhouse plants, the first produce item we will have available will be asparagus. Hopefully by the end of April we should have some ready. A complete list of what we have available during the summer and fall months is listed on our website.

Our newest "planned addition" this year is an apple orchard. We will be planting a few hundred apple trees this year and next with the intention of having a "pick your own" apple orchard within 4 years or so. You will see our sign for the orchard to the north of our farm. We are so excited about this new adventure! Our other expansion this year is raspberries. We will be planting about another half an acre of raspberries. (more for my children to prune!)

Remember, you can contact us for information on what's available anytime. Either call our hotline at 262-593-5133, email me at sknoebel@jellismarket.com, or check out the website at www.jellismarket.com. Hope to see you soon!



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