



# Beaver Creek CSA

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### Tomatoes 5 months away!

We are still accepting new members for all locations. Our prices are as follows: 3/4 bushel - 20 weeks is \$620; 10 weeks is \$365; 1/2 bushel - 20 weeks is \$500 and for 10 weeks it will be \$250.



**SPRING FLING DATES:**  
Friday May 12th, 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm.  
Saturday May 13th - 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

## Garden and Weather Report

**H**ello from the Gardens! The picture in the center is what the tomato plants looked like last month. If you will look at page 2, you will see how much they have grown.



I have had an issue with the lack of sun this spring. I do not care if it is only 50 degrees outside, as long as it is sunny my greenhouse warms to over 80 degrees. I actually worry more about cooling it a little. But we have had a very cloudy spring this year, yet everything continues to grow.

**W**e are in the garden with broccoli, cauliflower, kale and other "cold" crops. We planted last week and with the rain and our heavy clay soil, they look pretty dry.

**H**owever, I know that the subsoil is very moist. We will get the beds rotary hoed and they will look much better. We do need some warmer weather in the next few weeks

to get these plants growing. The forecast last month was for a warmer than average April and May - they have since changed that to normal for both months. I wish they could make up their minds at the weather channel! We still think right now that the 2nd week in June is doable for 1st box. We shall see!

**T**hat piece of equipment, water wheel transplanter, plants a 150 foot bed in about 20 minutes - Love it!

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### My favorite piece of equipment



# Garden and Weather Report

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The picture on the right is our garlic, which looks terrific. Ron rotary hoed it a couple of weeks ago after Andy raked all the straw off. It came up early after the warm January and February so we will probably have garlic scapes earlier this year. Right next to the garlic, we have planted our storage onions - they are much further behind but will catch up fast.

I have put the tomatoes on our “mobile hoop” house. It also serves as a hardening off wagon. But because I needed space in the main greenhouse, I moved them out where it will heat up to 80 degrees in there very quickly with a little sun and if the weather is cold, I can roll them into the garage stall under lights to protect them and keep them growing. It is a great design by Ron that has served me well over the years. There are about 30 trays of tomatoes on the wagon right now. We will be planting about 350 to 400 of them into beds and the rest will be for sale in our Spring Fling sale - about 150 tomato plants for sale so come and get ‘em! We will also have kale, cucumbers, zucchini, basil, parsley, brussel sprouts, onions, cauliflower, tomatillos and of course some pickles, red sauce, honey and other items that I am certain I am forgetting. Watch for the newsletter that 2nd week in May for a complete list.

You can see the ground in the garlic picture - it looks pretty dry but again, that is what a heavy clay soil often looks like. It is an awesome soil to have during the dry spells of summer!

## This Months Photo's

