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Currier & Ives!

We have our **Early Bird Special going right now**, so make sure you take advantage of the reduced prices that are available to anyone signing up for our CSA through the end of February! Prices are as follows: \$565 for a full 20 week large box, \$350 for 10 week large box, \$235 for the 10 week small box and \$470 for the 20 week small box.



Garden and Weather Report

Hello from the Gardens! It is a New Year and I for one am ready for Spring already. We have had a pretty goofy winter so far in that the weather was perfect for the Currier & Ives Christmas that I always love, (could have been a little warmer though in December) to a January thaw complete with rain today. It was so icy when I went out to take care of my hens that I worried about slipping and sliding.

I have put the girls into what we are calling Georgia and Florida rooms. I dedicated 1/3 of the greenhouse to them this year to let them enjoy the warmth on sunny days. It keeps them laying eggs for all you egg subscribers. We had a dog incident in November

and Mr. Peanut, in protecting his ladies, lost most of his tail feathers. They are growing



back, but do not yet look like that picture below.

He did a great job

though protecting his girls, we didn't lose one, just a lot of feathers everywhere.

We had a great sign up under our Loyalty Special Pricing. It was a 50% increase over last year. I really love it that so many of you participated and received the special pricing.

It was so drab today that I updated pictures on the back page only - nothing looks good with black snow and rain - Yuck!

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Mr. Peanut with full plummage!



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As you can see below, we have lost most of our snow cover and these gray days are just so awful. I can take colder weather with the sun out, or . . . how about Florida for a couple of weeks! That is where we are headed at the end of the week for some warmth, fun, sun and a little work. The picture on the right are all the seeds that I ordered at the end of December and 1st week in January. They are all in, set up in order for seeding at the end of February. I will get back the first week in February, pick up the soil and get going on these by the last week in February. It is always fun to see things grow again.

I did order some different squashes for us this year, Sunshine and Winter Sweet. I am switching varieties of Acorn too so that we have them a little earlier. Ron and I are planning on planting about 200 blueberry bushes in the spring. We do not know how they will work out so we have our Red Barn Farms back up should the bushes decide they do not like Illinois soil. On the tomato and pepper front, I am pretty much duplicating last year. I still am processing tomatoes that I froze as we had such a bumper crop, I filled two freezers full. I believe I have another 125 or more quarts to do - so you can look for a quart in your first boxes this year - that's different isn't it? Days are getting longer - so spring must be right around the corner!

This Months Photo's

