



Clear Brook Farm



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Celebrating 30 Years!

Dear Farm Friends,

Happy Spring!

We are so excited to be open for our 30th season growing bedding plants, organic vegetable starts and organic produce. We are so fortunate to have a great crew for yet another season! There is so much to look forward to this year, but before that, it is nice to take a moment and reflect back on those years and appreciate our evolution.

1995 was our first season when we started with one greenhouse full of plants, one acre of vegetables and a wooden table under a maple tree from which we sold produce. That summer we started renovating our 1850s threshing barn that had seen better days, and we began building the health of our depleted soils with cover crops and compost. Over the years we have added a number of greenhouses, built some barns, and are now farming 45 acres of land. We have over one acre of strawberries every year and 1.5 acres of blueberries.

All of those additions and growth are wonderful, but what we are most proud of and remain committed to is both supporting the community with healthy food and great plants and also supporting a great staff of dedicated farmers who continue to make Clear Brook the success that it is. From our real long timers like Adam, Becca and Brad, to those who have been here for 10-15 years like Rosie, Christy, Greer, Rachel, Ben and Lisa, to those who have been here for a handful of seasons, everyone's dedication and hard work has continued to help Clear Brook shine.

Now as we look ahead, we are excited that this year, if all goes well, we may open up our pick-your-own blueberry field. We are also considering how to adapt to climate change and the unpredictable effects that will have on growing in the future. One way to improve our chances of successful crops is by growing sensitive crops under covers. With that in mind we may add another greenhouse for in ground growing this year. We are also adding new outlets for our produce such as providing food for immigrant families in the Northshire through partnership with the Vermont Food Bank.

We truly look forward to seeing you around the farm this summer!