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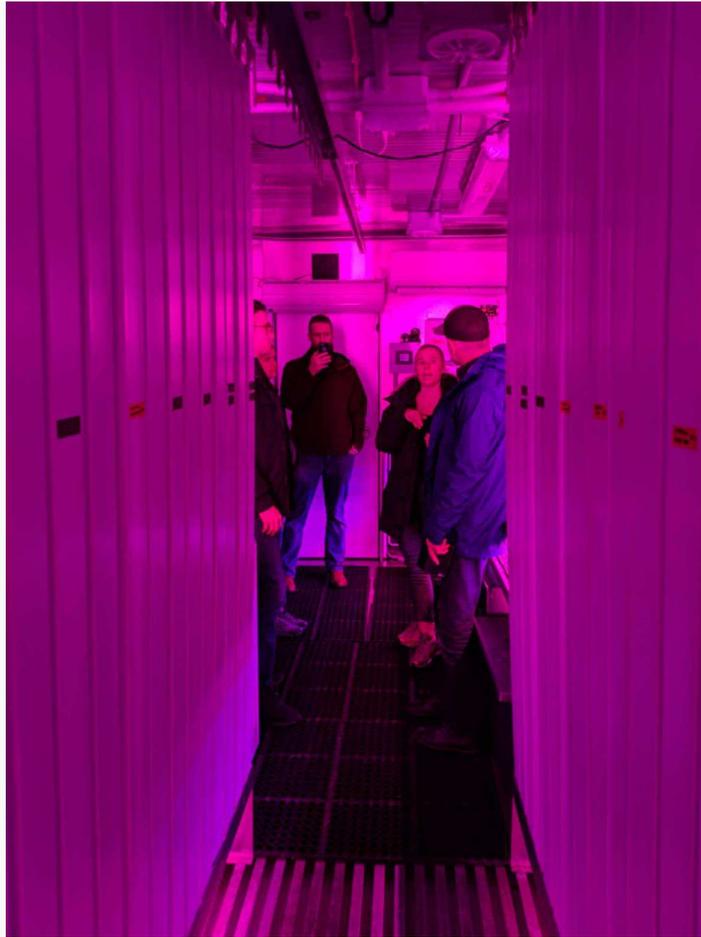
Happy Holidays From OD Greens!



11/29/2018 Farm Camp in Boston, MA

Finally, after months of anticipation, I was able to get my hands on the "Farm". A Freight Farm to be exact. This is the piece of equipment that I have been waiting for since I signed the loan documents back in October. An Army friend of mine (who is also a non-traditional farmer @TheHolyGhostChiliPepperCo on Facebook), hopped on a flight out of Cleveland at

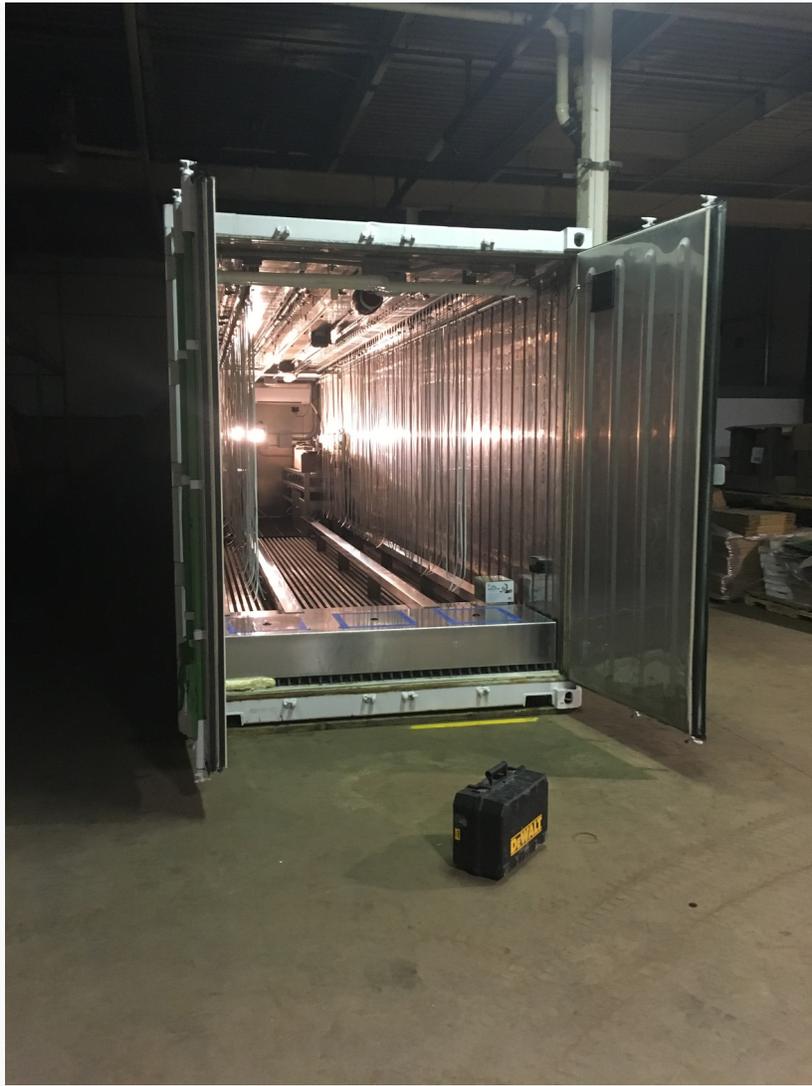
5:45 am to begin Farm Camp at 8:30 that same morning. The day was packed with information...way more than anyone could retain. The farm itself is high tech and complex, but this is the baby that will carry OD Greens from pilot - into Phase 1. I will be able to grow about 2 acres worth of produce from a container that is 40' long x 8.5' wide x 9.5' tall. It will be situated inside a warehouse in Willoughby where the actual growing will happen. Not to mention, this method uses about 10% of the total water consumption of traditional farming. We will be recycling water that is pulled from the air through a dehumidifier and the HVAC unit as well.



12/10/2018 The Farm Arrived!

Ten days later my very own farm arrived! It was quite the birthday present! It was a bit stressful watching them use a small forklift to lift a 7.5 ton container, but everything went fairly smoothly as they skated it into the warehouse without much issue. Luckily the weather was nice and a Navy veteran was at the helm. It fits like a glove.





Calibrating and Cleaning

Before the fun of planting can begin, we work to calibrate all of the equipment within the farm and

clean all of the surfaces to ensure a healthy environment for the crops. I couldn't have done it without the help of my dad who has been integral in getting the farm ready.





The entire family stopped out to see how things were going. My daughter Evelyn loved the lights and the music that was playing through the Bluetooth speakers. My mom brought cookies to celebrate my birthday and my new venture.



12/17/2018 The First Seeds

Now that everything has been prepared its finally time to GET GROWING! The first step is to plant enough to fill the farm full within the first few weeks. Dad and I planted over 1200 seeds today of Arugula, lettuce, Thai basil, lemon basil, and Italian large leaf basil. These seeds will start to

germinate within a week and will stay in a horizontal flood table until they are ready to be transplanted into the vertical towers.



Veteran Spotlight

Walter P. Novak

Navy Seaman, 1st Gunner on Merchant Marine Convoy

Walter Novak enlisted in Cleveland, OH in 1941. K.I.A. February 1943

First duty assignment was the SS West Portal, a merchant vessel in convoy to England from Halifax, Nova Scotia. As part of a Naval gunnery crew presence for the security within the convoy.

At 17 years old Walter P. Novak had to have written permission to join the military. He wanted to serve his country like his six brothers. He was the youngest of the Tobul/Novak tribe trying to do his part in the craziness of the world at that time.

Click [here](#) to read his full tower dedication.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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