



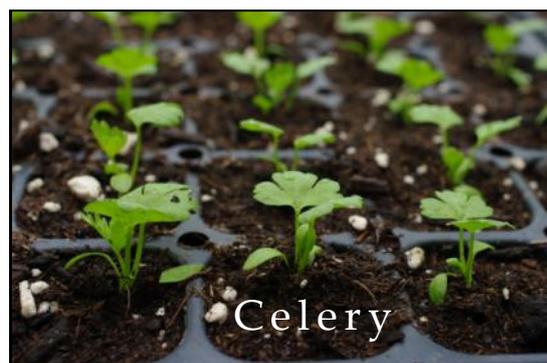
Onions, Leeks, Scallions

Onions and leeks await inside cold frames in plug trays anticipating their graduation day to the field.

Ah! What a beautiful time of the year on the farm. As the work load begins to ramp up the true beauty of a farmscape can easily pass you by. What still seems to capture my eye though every year is seeing all the new young seedlings. Great care is taken at every stage of plant propagation, but the most crucial time period for plant development is at the seedling stage. Like humans, as in the world of plant life, a good healthy start is key to a long and fruitful life.

Pictures in this article are of some of our new stock that you'll be eating soon. Everyone looks fantastic and we're seemingly on schedule with our transplant production.

We're awaiting a further warm-up, and for our soil to dry out before we move on with field planting. A month ago it looked as if we might get an early start but it's now looking more like a normal spring. Hope to get our field work underway by next week.



Celery

Want to renew for next season? Click here; <http://rareearthfarm.csasignup.com/members/types>

We're a little over halfway in fulfilling our membership goal for this year which is notable, but we're hoping to reach our target of 200 members before June. If you're planning to renew your membership for this summer we would recommend doing so with-in the next couple weeks. Signing up ahead of the seasons start is important for our planning of what to grow and how much. Help us reach our goal and pass the word onto a friend about our program. To sign up just click on the hyperlink at the bottom of page 1.



Many of you have heard me mention before about our constant attention to the health of our soil. This year will be no different. The majority of our vegetable production areas for this year have all been in cover crops since last summer. The time taken to rest and rebuild our soil is significant and necessary in order to grow some of the best tasting and nutritious vegetables. "Regenerative Agriculture" is a term used to describe practices in agriculture where farmers employ a soil building strategy into their whole

crop production scheme. The world has lost a third of its arable land due to erosion or pollution in the past 40 years. An even greater potential for disaster looms on the horizon as the global demand for food soars. The leading cause of our productive land loss in the world has been attributed to improper and excess plowing, combined with heavy use of synthetic fertilizers.

Much of the problems related to the loss of topsoil in the world can be corrected using regenerative agriculture techniques. We want to keep our land productive and healthy for the sole benefit of producing the best food crops for you while maintaining good soil health.

The realm of soil building has been a never ending classroom. The continuing education and research performed while producing the food you eat from the farm has certainly honed our growing skills. We very much thank all of you for that! Every year we're grateful to have yet another season to continue our work promoting organic agriculture while providing you with a good source of locally grown produce. It's our hope the idea of organic style farming will eventually become the mainstream agriculture of the future. To read more on regenerative agriculture click on this link.

<https://www.cornucopia.org/2017/03/regenerative-agriculture-improves-soil/>

Thank you again for signing up with us this year. We're looking forward to another grand experience eating with you again this summer. Take care!



Our garlic we planted last fall survived the winter in great condition. It's always one of the first plants to sprout up from underneath the mulch.

If all goes well we should be harvesting the garlic in mid July. Can't wait!

The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day.

~Robert Frost