



Rare Earth News

Winter Edition

Onion seedlings inside our greenhouse

Well, we're off and rolling along with the start of the 2018 growing season. Propagation of our seedlings are now underway, and with all good luck we hope to begin transplanting outdoors in late April.

For a farmer every spring is a brand new beginning. The excitement builds as the farm slowly transitions from it's winter slumber into a full state of lush growth. Seeing anything green begin to appear on the terrain whether in the greenhouse or in the field get's me in the mood to grow food. This coming Tuesday is the spring equinox which is another welcome sign that summers coming and soon our tables with be filled with fresh food. We're looking forward to this summer and we hope you are too.



You may not have noticed but last summer we had a record crop loss from deer damage. Having farmed on this land for over twenty years, this was the first time where specific crops were overly grazed by deer during the night. The damage was bad enough where after reporting the incident to the counties department of land and water management we were accepted into the deer abatement program. Now financial and technical assistance is being provided to us to help keep deer off the farm. With very few people hunting in this area the population of deer has now reached an all time high. Can you blame them though? Tender lettuces, juicy beets, and carrots to them must taste superior to field corn and soybeans. The project entails installing an electric fence around some of the crops that deer specifically are attracted to. With the time required to install and maintain the fence we hope that our efforts will provide some positive results. In any respect we would like to say thanks the people at the Ozaukee land and water management department for their great assistance with our deer problem. Happy spring everyone!

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