

McDougal's Farm LLC

What's Growing On !

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Farm News

Out with the Christmas tree and in with the new year! Pigs have been butchered, wine has been racked, sauerkraut fermented and found a few good reads from the library. We got a few days of ice fishing in already and haven't even looked at the year end book work or even cracked a seed catalogue....but now it's time. Our seed catalogue pile measures about 12" high already (seed companies love us) and I can't wait to dive in and see what's new. It is also the time to send in any suggestions you may have for the 2017 growing season. If we can grow it, we will...love trying new things and pushing the boundaries here in the north. Pineapples are still out of the question but would love to master the sweet potato.

Said goodbye to an old friend that looked over our back field for the last 106 years. She was a beautiful white pine that had the respect of every passerby and tree that stood in her presence. Through the years she watched the Indians camp beneath her, gave shelter to squirrels and bear cubs and held back the winds 30 years ago when a tornado came through leaving her the only thing standing between our home and a devastating path of destruction. It was hard to cut her down but her days were numbered. She will be made into lumber and hopefully spend another hundred years in our woods disguised as a small cabin.

Welcome back to all of you that took advantage of the early bird discount. It's good to have you back and we appreciate the early sign up.

Free Potatoes!!

To all 2016 CSA members; we still have organic potatoes in our cooler and Jerry and I would love to see them not go to waste after we hand dug and hand washed them all. They are **free to our 2016 farm members**, you just need to come get them this week before Friday so we can shut down the cooler. They are all in 10 pound bags and I believe there is still an assortment of all varieties (reds, golds, russets). It's a first come, first serve kinda thing... sorry no holding. Give us a call to make sure we are home [715-627-4418](tel:715-627-4418) and we will help load you up.

2017 CSA sign up form available

Chad Cornelius of Search Logic, Antigo, has done a really great job updating our website to include the new 2017 CSA application form and answers to any questions you may have. The

number of applications we can accept is limited, so early sign up will help secure your place in our CSA for the upcoming season. We will be adding future workshop information and greenhouse hours to the website (mcdougalsfarm.com) as soon as the information is available. Have a suggestion or idea for a workshop? Maybe a recommended speaker or garden problem we can help with? Let us know. This is your farm as well and we would love to hear from you. We also attached the application to this newsletter for your convenience.

Few Worker Shares Available

McDougal's Farm has a few openings for workers to earn their weekly large share box of produce. Workers have to be able to **commit** to work 4- 1/2 hours weekly on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning (7:30-12) for 18 weeks (mid June to mid October). We are looking for team orientated individuals who love to work, sweat, get dirty, enjoy accomplishments and being a part of something much bigger. McDougal's Farm team is trying to turn the boat on a more earth friendly, new/old way of eating healthy....sure could use some passionate muscle:). If this sounds like you and you are available those mornings, contact us by email or phone.

Gratitude

Jerry and I are so thankful for all of you that have allowed us to be your trusted farmers. We don't take this responsibility lightly. We strive every year to improve and try to go beyond just "satisfying" our farm members. We want you ecstatic! We want you healthy! We want you HAPPY! Join us this year for the 2017 growing season and we will do our very best to make you all of these.

Cheers to a happy, healthy year blessed with love, abundance, beauty and peace.