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## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

(Jericho) Is it spring or is that 2 foot snowstorm still coming? We are already ventilating the overwintered low tunnels which were still encased in snow this time last year. Kale, scallions and spinach are coming through great in low tunnels, as is the chickweed. Tried various covers for overwintered spinach outside since we didn't have any snow cover to protect plants, and found a layer of Covertan directly over the beds did best and was simplest to put on/off. Harvested deliciously sweet baby pac choi in mid-February from overwintered crop just before it thought about bolting. Now converting and reseeding the first high tunnel beds after finishing last harvest of overwintered mesclun and arugula that is bolting. Lots of other cold hardy transplants going in. Time to soil test tts, a

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## SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA ADVICE

I attended a meeting about this pest with researchers and extension at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station last week, where Dr. Richard Cowles has a variety of lab studies underway to better understand SWD behavior. There is much we do not yet know about this pest and how to manage it. With t

5. Use post-harvest practices to reduce overwintering populations. Clean up and remove as much plant debris as possible from the orchard. This is especially important for SWD once all fruit has been harvested, since the fl