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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

(Montpelier VT) What a difference a spinach and salad are going crazy. Time to start calling my accounts. Spring peeps are now 4 weeks old and looking really healthy and happy. Getting them moved

Meanwhile, out in our low tunnels, we are seeing positive results, finally. For the past two years we

We applied for this high tunnel cost-share that the USDA is doing (who didn't) and have found out that the program does not work well for us. No mechanical ventilation allowed?! No electricity? Where we are, if you don't inflate the poly it's ask

GROW AN EXTRA ROW FOR RUTLAND AREA PEOPLE IN NEED

The Rutland Area Farm and Food Link (RAFFL) is seeking farmers and gardeners to Grow an Extra Row of vegetables for local children, families, and individuals in need. Last summer and fall we were able to collect and distribute over 10,000 pounds of fresh produce, meat, cheese and eggs to 14 non-profit organizations in the greater Rutland area. We invite you to become a part of the process. RAFFL volunteers can pick products up at your house or farm, or can organize a formal gleaning. Contact RAFFL at 802-417-7331 or visit www.rutlandfarmandfood.org. -run gleaning programs are also active in other parts of the state; contact the Vermont Food Bank.)

SIGN UP FOR A CROP MOB

A crop mob is when a crew of volunteer farmers, farm workers, and eaters descend upon a farmer for a work blitz! Jobs can include weeding, greenhouse construction, harvesting, or any number of other jobs that can be done quickly and well by many willing hands. See this Blog to learn more: http://cropmob.org/