

(Argyle NY) We are having a pretty normal spring here with slightly above normal temperatures and average rain. This has kept us on track with seedings and transplanting but irrigation is all set up to catch the dry times. This last storm only gave us 0.4" so glad for the irrigation as we go into a hot stretch at the end of the week. Slight frost last week but we were ready with three layers of covers on the strawberries. Clear sailing now with onions planted and no sign off frost in the future. Tunnels are winding down with transition to outdoors happening next week. Markets doing well.

Those pesky cabbage aphids are showing up on our overwintered kale and I hope I can control them soon. No sign of downy mildew in spinach but see some Cladisporium in the tunnel. Waiting for the mustards to bloom before we plant potatoes to ward off scab; it's worked in the past. We are scrambling like others to find sweet potatoes but might try to grow a few slips ourselves.

(Plainfield NH) Lack of sun, damp weather and snow last Sunday with mid-80's forecast for mid-week; we are getting the full spectrum of conditions. Sales at the greenhouse are ok considering the uninspiring weather for gardening, as my wife pointed out "It s hard for gardeners to produce sales at the checkout when they have to take off their ski gloves to get it out of their ski parkas."

Fortunately, we have sandy soils on enough of the farm that we are taking advantage of the moisture and transplanting; early cucurbits and peppers going out, and early plantings of cole crops, lettuce, beet, onion and fennel out as well. Concerned(g1*nBpTm0 g()-9(obBpTmETQ0.00000912 0 612

White downy sporulation of the pathogen was observed on the underside of cotyledons. I have photographs from the last time I saw on seedlings several years ago posted at:

<http://livegpath.cals.cornell.edu/gallery/crucifers-cole-crops/downy-mildew-on-cabbage/>

This disease is rare during spring in the Northeast. It usually occurs in fall when wind-dispersed spores have become common. All growers with B