

**VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWER NEWS** May 3, 2022  
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Garlic looks really good this year. I took a chance and didn't mulch or cover it at all this winter and it seems to have done well. Our typical heavy snow load is insulation enough even though we had relatively very little snow this year.

Tunnel crops are doing well, and some are finishing up/being pulled for summer crop prep. A red Russian kale paper-pot transplanted experiment came out last week after doing very well. It looked sad in January, and I almost gave up on it. However, it bounced back very well in February, and I was able to get three cuts on those beds. Chickweed is slowly becoming a problem in the houses. Spinach is going strong but some of the transplanted crops are very slow this year. I planted some brassicas like bok choy and kale a full month earlier than last year and saw no benefit. Although this spring has been much cloudier and colder than last year.

On May 1 was just able to start bed prep in some drier fields. With the sun today it's time to start weeding for real. Drank a beer laying in the grass after work today; felt good. Spring is here!

(W. Rutland) damn near all April. Cover crops love it, plows and  
Been so cold even the garlic and hop plants seem to wanna git back down undah.  
Very slow start here. Hoping to start catching up soon.

(Guildhall) Finally getting a spell of dry weather, and enough time away from trucking potatoes to start tillage on April 30. Hopefully we'll be able to start tilling in earnest around May 10 when the schedule loosens a bit. We've added a lot of new leased land; some hay ground to plow, some out of hay only one year, some weedy cropland. All told we've probably got 125 acres to work

(Argyle NY) Spring temperatures up and down, and mostly very dry. We now have irrigation set

Commercial bumble bees in highbush blueberries: FAQs.

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