



(Argyle NY) April started out with warmth and promise and then fell into a normal month of ups and downs. Plantings outside are progressing well but this week will be a little bit of a dance with the rains. No flea beetles or diseases to report outside yet but in the tunnels we have had our share this winter/ spring. We had some aphids last year but this spring was worse. That warm spell in early April brought out the hover flies and quickly squelched them. Unfortunately, a lot of leaves were left unpickable and plants were stunted but luckily another tunnel was ready with

that in years. Cladisporium came in on the spinach so noting which varieties are more resistant (we have 17 varieties planted). The gray aphids are on the overwintered kale but no way to control them. Other than that sales are good and we still have plenty of produce! Overwintered onions and the garlic look great, little shy of help right

I am still seeing issues in the Shin Cheong Gang rootstock in tomatoes. This rootstock, although resistant to a variety of diseases, seems to produce wimpy roots and show a lot of rat tail symptoms where the fine feeder roots have died due to the fungus disease called corky root rot.