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BUSY FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS TODAY

The next 2 months are going to be a bit busy here at Bluebird Hills. This weekend, we will be hosting part of the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association's Tour series where interested folks can come and see all of Tim's endeavors. This is a CSA event not an alpaca event, for any folks interested in organic growing. All of you are welcome to come as well. We won't have the horse drawn wagons or snacks, but it will give you a chance to see what it all looks like.

The alpacas aren't part of the affair, but I am always willing to talk about those as well. The event is this Saturday, the 13th, from 2:00 until 4:00 here at the farm, rain or shine.

Next weekend is the annual Wool Gathering that takes place in back of Youngs Jersey Dairy on State Route 68m just north of Yellow Springs. I am on

the board for this event and it has grown from taking up part of a shelter house at Youngs to two huge 50 by 120 foot tents. I believe there will be about 75 vendors there under cover and several set up in their own tents outside.

This is a wonderful event with all sorts of fiber products, spinning wheels, and all sorts of books and supplies. Susie Smithers will be there once again doing kids crafts and there will be all sorts of demonstrations related to fiber. There is also a great gentleman who comes every year with musical instruments for kids young and old to play and sing and dance along to.

A sheep shearer will be shearing at certain times throughout each day and there are various fiber animals there as well including a few of our alpacas. A gentleman comes

with his herding dogs and the ducks they work with.

I invite you all to come and enjoy the outing. It is a great family day, especially with the great ice cream that Youngs offers.

The last weekend in September is National Alpaca Farm Day and we will be open to greet folks on either Saturday or Sunday to talk to them about alpacas. Again, you are more than welcome to visit Bluebird Hills, but any tours of the vegetable fields will have to be self guided.

The weekends after that will be occupied by college visits and alpaca shows, all the way into mid November. Good thing we have the regular work days to recuperate!

Monday the electric rope arrived for fencing the deer out of the spinach and greens. We counted 16 bucks in one of the fields one evening about 2 weeks ago. He and the guys have been working on that in between picking and cleaning the veggies. The fence is almost completely done except for one side, but it does have a charge on it and Tim has baited it.

The bait consists of little metal cups that resemble the lids off pop bottles filled with peanut butter. We have posted signs for those deer with peanut allergies. These hang on the fence so that when their little wet noses hit the cup they get a

nice zap that teaches them to "Respect The Fence". In all actuality, they could easily jump over it, but the idea is to make them afraid, so that they won't even try.

I hope that you will all enjoy the second round of kohlrabi in the boxes. This will probably be the only time it will be in your box this fall. This is the first time we have had fall kohlrabi and really hadn't planned on it last winter when Tim was ordering seed, so we only had enough seed for this one round.

Hopefully next week we will have the first of many batches of greens. These are Japanese leafy veggies that have been a favorite of members in the last few years. Spinach should appear soon as well, but probably not next week.

We hope to see at one of the events over the next few weeks, but in the meantime, have a great weekend!

This Week's Box

Lettuce
Summer Squash?
Onions
Potatoes
Tomatoes
Melons
Cucumbers ?
Broccoli
Garlic
Kohlrabi

Next Week

Onions
Lettuce
Squash?
Tomatoes
Potatoes
Broccoli
Peppers
Basil
Greens?
Eggplant?

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RETURN
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