

The Farm Weekly

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WOOLGATHERING NEXT WEEKEND!

This weekend you will find us working at the Centralfest honing our skills making funnel cakes and grilling hot dogs, brats, and burgers. Next weekend you will find me at the Woolgathering at Young's Jersey Dairy, an event that draws thousands with 76 vendors selling fiber related products, from knitting supplies and raw wool to handspun silk woven into beautiful scarves.

The event is held in tents in back of Youngs Jersey dairy just north of Yellow Springs on State Route 68, so come and check it out rain or shine. There will be spinning and weaving demonstrations, crafts for the kids, and sheep herding and shearing demonstrations. We are bringing two of our alpacas to show folks what they are like, so if you find the alpacas, stop to say hello!

The bush hog is repaired, and with all of the rain, mowing was just about all Tim could do at the start

of the week, so that is what he did! The cover crops that have been growing on idle areas were mowed, but not without casting a yellow hue on everything involved including Tim. In some areas, the common ragweed towered over Tim on the tractor and the pollen coated everything. If your allergies are giving you some trouble now, ragweed is probably the culprit.

Ragweed is often confused with goldenrod which is just starting to bloom. The ragweed has been blooming for a few weeks, but its flowers are green instead of yellow like goldenrod. I have been trying to mow in the pasture to nip a ragweed hostile takeover in the bud, so to speak. Fortunately ragweed is an annual, so if kept from going to seed now, we can avoid further spread.

I have included illustrations of both common ragweed and giant ragweed just for sufferers, so that you know what you need to

eradicate.

Although the bush hog is fixed, Tim isn't having any luck with the potato digger. No gears or chains have been located, so Tim took a plow blade and moved it to the side of a tool bar that is hooked on to the tractor. This worked fairly well lifting the potatoes from the clutches of the soil, and Marco, Pedro, and Hanter will be spending much of their time gathering them in when they aren't picking, cleaning, and packing vegetables.

Tim did the final planting of the season on Wednesday afternoon with a final round of oriental greens. Slowly things are winding down.

Bluebird Hills has

offered to host 2 Healthful Touch workshops here in the alpaca barn. Healthful touch is a method of healing both animals and people and Carmen Kolz will be introducing folks to these methods on Saturdays September 30th and October 14th. If you are interested email us and we will email her brochure to you.

Finally to conclude this week's newsletter, a big thank-you to everyone for sending in their payments without any prompting. Email us if you are unsure of your balance, and we will email it to you.

This Week's Box

Onions
Tomatoes
Peppers
Lettuce
Potatoes
Garlic
Komatsuna
Arugula
Collards

Next Week

Onions
Lettuce
Tomatoes
Peppers
Potatoes
Summer Squash?
Eggplant

