

# Jimmy Acres: A Tommerdahl Family Farm

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Hello friends and neighbors!

Happy end of the year! We hope y'all had a wonderful holiday season, with lots of delicious food and great company. We sure did! We've also had a great month of progress on the farm, both in planning stages for the upcoming year (we'll save those details for next month), as well as physical projects on the farm:

- ♣ We now have 2 hoop houses up and running, full of leafy greens and root veggies—it's starting to look like a real farm around here! We also got 2 low tunnels up and filled at our Bowden Rd location in Chapel Hill, with plans for more in the garden in Semora in the coming month. We're excited to start experimenting with crops in both types of tunnels and learning how to take advantage of all they have to offer.



- ♣ Along with that, the greenhouse has been busy with lots of plants rotating through. With our no-till gardening methods, we find it much easier to start our seeds in flats and transplant into the soil once they are big enough to not get lost in all the mulch. We're trying out some new methods and ideas with this project to give our plants the best possible start!

- ♣ The garlic is starting to peek through the mulch, and it looks like we had a pretty good germination rate, whew! It's been so wet that we were a bit worried that the cloves might rot before they had a chance to get growing!



- ♣ Our best Christmas present this year was a huge load of woodchips! You can never have enough of those around the farm. They've already gone to good use

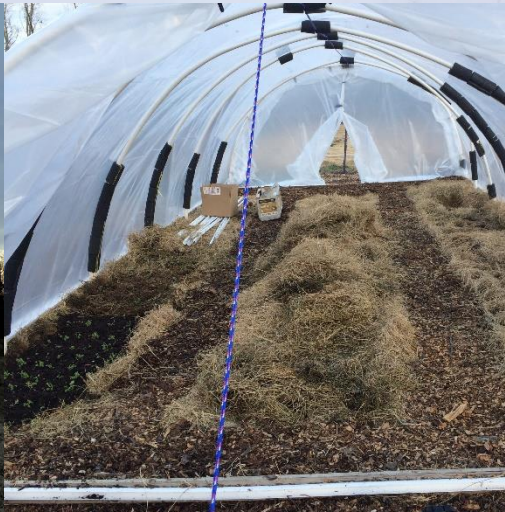


around the hoop houses as well as continuing to re-mulch the garden in preparation for next season.

- ♣ This month also brought the first snow storm of the winter, with ~14" in not much more than a day! Thanks to Mark for frequent snow blowing of the hoop house to keep it from collapsing.

Thanks to all who have helped and supported our endeavor to grow delicious food and make it available to as many people as possible, while supporting the land and ecosystem and working with nature to make it all possible.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and delicious 2019!



*If you have any suggestions for things you'd like to see in future newsletters, or have any ideas for how we can improve our customer service or your produce-buying and -consuming experience, please let us know! And as always, please feel free to pass this along to all of your produce-loving friends and neighbors!*

*"Each tiny effort builds on the next, so that brick by brick, magnificent things can be created."*

*~Robin Sharma~*

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