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Oats and peas seeded early

From the farmers...

As the final weeks of the 2008 season are upon us, the first steps towards the 2009 season are taking shape here on the farm.

As we clean out the crops from this season we are quickly seeding down cover crops of cereal rye mixed with hairy vetch. In the spring when the rye is harvested or mowed, the vetch will continue to grow, and add nitrogen to the soil for the next crop.

In August of this year we seeded oats mixed with peas in our 2009 ground. These crops will eventually be killed by the winter freeze, and then be ready for spring planting.

In the spring of 2009 we will try to get into the ground in early April to plow, harrow, and plant seeds and transplants.

In this very early planting ground we have decided to actually do the plowing now, in order to minimize the preparation time needed in the spring. Our snap peas, radishes and turnips and a host of other greens and roots will be planted as soon the weather permits in the spring. Sometimes this can be as early as late March, and other times it can be as late as mid-April.

Some of the ground which was planted in 2008 will receive a full year of rest and cover crops, depending on what was grown in 2008, while other fields will be pressed back into service in the late summer and fall of 2009.

As you can imagine, careful planning is required in order to commit the resources necessary to execute these

plans. In conjunction with all of these field plans our marketing also has to be considered. How many pounds of snap peas do we want to pick? Should we plant less potatoes next year? Did we grow enough onions last year?

There are no straight forward answers to all of these questions. Every season we have the opportunity to re define ourselves as a farm based on what we decide to grow. Despite all of this potential to change ourselves, we have pretty much stayed on a steady course each season, only slightly tweaking a few things.

No doubt we will sit down in the coming weeks while the 2008 season is still fresh in our heads, and commit ourselves to the 2009 season. Once these final decisions are made about what and how much to grow, our marching orders for the 2009 season will be complete, and we can focus on the execution of our plans.

Enjoy the vegetables, Sincerely Chris



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BULK SALE
Saturday November 1st
10am-2 pm
 Come and stock up for the winter,
 store your veggies here in our cooler,
 and eat local all season long!!!!