



The Farm at Miller's Crossing

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The new bin dumper awaiting it's electrical hook up

The Leaves are changing...

We have been reveling in beautiful fall weather here at the farm. The potatoes are all dug and in their bins in the cooler, next to the onions. We are still frost free and so the peppers and basil continue to be harvested....their time is coming soon to be sure.

Every year we make strides towards becoming more efficient, and this year is no exception.

Our new irrigation project is complete; 1000 feet of 4" underground pipe has been buried 4' into the ground. This pipe will allow us to add another 6 acres of land into our vegetable crop rotation beginning in 2010. This fall our cows will graze off the remaining grasses, and in the spring we will break into this ground for vegetable production.

We are hooking up our new bin dumper soon...this will ease the washing of all those heavy root crops that are being stored in bins weighing about 800 pounds each. Instead of harvesting thousands of

pounds of carrots, potatoes, beets and onions into bags, we will put them into bins right in the field. These bins will be moved with our tractor and pallet jacks, avoiding the strain of individual bags. We are all thankful that human backs will be saved through another machine purchase.

We will however be harvesting most of these crops by hand. It will be a long time and a lot more acres before we can justify a machine that digs root crops...but that's OK. Harvesting the crops the old fashioned way is still satisfying and efficient enough.

In the next two weeks we will put our hands on every beet, carrot, sweet potato, and turnip, as well as the host of greens that will find their way into your refrigerator—Enjoy!

Sincerely, Chris and Katie



Bins Old and New waiting to be filled