

new year greetings



A happy, peaceful and prosperous new year to all of our customers. 2010 looks set to be an interesting year, especially on the political front, as we head into the unknown. One particularly surprising remark by Hilary Benn, the DEFRA minister, was made on the radio this morning when he actually said that farmers were needed! This is the first time we have heard a remark like this from the current Government. He also said that farmers should produce more food, whilst using less resources to do so and we should do it sustainably – something us and all other organic farmers have been trying to do for the last several years. So perhaps, this year, we shall stand out as being different by carrying on the same!

Last year we said the reasons for farmers to continue to farm organically have not gone away. Excessive use of fossil fuels, as required by conventional farming, cannot continue in the long term. Genetic modification of crops and farm animals do not provide a stable future for our food production. Organic farming, on the other hand does, whilst at the same time preserving and caring for our planet. We all have a part to play and you, our customers, are vitally important. Once again we thank you for your past, present and future support in buying the food which we produce for you. Please tell your friends about us so that they can enjoy organic food too!

On the weather front, it looks like we are going to continue with the white stuff, on and off. We hope the weather will not cause too much disruption to the harvesting and delivering of the vegetables. I must take the opportunity to thank everyone on the farm for their sterling work and dedication in overcoming the weather difficulties in the first bout of snow before Christmas, when despite waking up to 8 inches of snow on the Friday before Christmas, all the boxes (save 4) were successfully delivered to each customer.

From us all at the farm
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