

June Newsletter



100,000 leeks say it's great to be planted at Luddesdown! Not so sure the planters would agree having spent 3 days last week planting these leeks on the hottest days of the year so far! However they have now been nicely watered in, our prayers were answered. We also managed to make some perfect hay and bale some round bale silage. Farm work will now turn to silage making, weather permitting.

We would like to say 'Thank You' to so many of you for your kind wishes and comments following last month's newsletter. It's good to have so much support from such a loyal band of customers. This week we are being judged as we have been shortlisted in the 'Kent Environment Business Awards' so continue to keep your fingers crossed for the farm. We will let you know if we get to the ceremony.

The compost, all 1,500 tonnes of it, has now virtually burnt out, but at great cost to the farm, which has lost its source of fertiliser to enrich the soil, plus losing revenue by taking in green waste from Medway Council rather than sending it to landfill. Hopefully we will be able to start taking green waste in again very soon and will be gating the entrances to try to prevent this happening again.

You will have noticed that the boxes have changed to summer veggies over the last few weeks. It is great to be into new potatoes and salad lines after all the winter roots and brassicas, but that's the fun of eating with the seasons, plus it's better for you and for the environment. Our polytunnels are full of cucumbers, peppers, aubergines, chillies and squashes, although not all ready for picking yet! We hope your weekly box reconnects you with the land.

With summer just around the corner why not try one of our barbeque packs? We have it all wrapped up for you and they include everything you need - 4 loin steaks, 6 sausages, 4 beefburgers, rack of pork ribs, rump steak (approx 450g) and 4 chicken drumsticks. Average price per pack will be around £27, but we can customise to your requirements.

Looking ahead – a date for your diary. Our Open Day will take place on Saturday 25th July, starting at 2.00pm. If any of you are interested in taking a stall at this event, please get in touch with us to discuss your ideas. Our contact details are below.

From us all at the farm 10.06.09

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