

Community News
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As the farm moves into the early spring of the year...at least we hope for an early spring....we are looking toward the newness that comes with the reawakening of our natural world. The green house is filling up with new plants for the upcoming planting season. Some of the seedlings have already "graduated" from the warming areas to the cooler areas, their first step into being moved outdoors. Their newness leads me to think about some of the other new people and things going on at the farm.

Victor Sarringhaus has been with us since late last summer. Victor is the lead gardener and brings a wealth of information, new ideas and experience to share with us. In addition to helping get the greenhouse up and running, he has introduced some new products into the farm store. We have a good supply of local honey available right now in 1, 2 and 3 pound glass jars. We also have some local pecans, walnuts and English walnuts available. They come in 1 pound packages. The supply of nuts is limited and when they are sold out, we will not have more until next fall. And we have tapped some of our sugar maples and are cooking down some maple syrup. We are pulling the taps out now so that supply is also limited. All of these new adventures or suppliers are due to Victor's creativity and genuine interest in getting local foods to people who might want it. Welcome Victor.

Daniel Wilds is our new co-worker on the farm who is taking care of the cattle, the pastures and helping to care for the chickens. Daniel brings a wealth of experience in many areas and can cross into the plant areas of the farm easily. He and Victor were the driving forces behind the maple tree tapping. Daniel is also tending to all the equipment and will be plowing up the gardens when the soil is ready in the spring. Daniel is our go-to person for whatever is needed here at the farm. Welcome Daniel.

Our CSA (Community Sponsored Agriculture) Program will be opening around the 1st the March. We have some new products planned for the CSA this year plus all of the traditional products that we have had over the years. We hope to increase the fruit choices with a new variety of melon, by replanting the rhubarb beds and pruning our pear trees. We will also have some new varieties of vegetables. Check out our website: <http://www.oldenburgfranciscans.org/farm.asp> for more information about the CSA and also our subscription offerings and prices. Remember that you do not have to be a member of the CSA to purchase our vegetables, eggs or beef. Check out the farm store to see what we have available.

May spring bring you sunny days and warm breezes.