



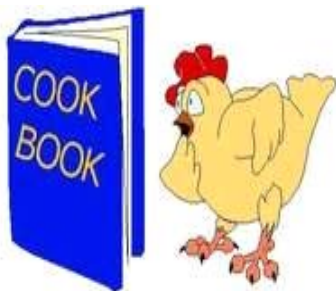
SWEET SEASON FARM

Washington, Maine

Newsletter
March 17, 2009

Spring at last?

The days are getting longer, the sun is getting stronger, the birds are singing louder and the corned beef and cabbage is on the stove. Can the *sweet season* be far behind? We'll be firing up the grille and reopening the café Friday April 3, for the 2009 season. While we prepare the farm for the growing season, our spring hours will be Wednesday through Sunday 6:30 AM till 2:00 PM for breakfast and lunch. We look forward to seeing all our valued customers and friends and thank you for your continued support.



Spring Fever Coupon
Buy One Breakfast or
Lunch
Get One Half Off!

Half off applies to meal of equal or lesser value. Cannot be combined with other offers.

Valid through 5/01/09

Harvest Festival A Great Success.



Our annual harvest festival was held Columbus Day weekend. The weather was perfect and great food and fun was had by all.

Our scarecrow contest attracted many great and creative entries. The first place winner and \$100 richer was

awarded to a young lady named Phobe Root from Union with her entry titled “Girl Pirate Princess” see photo. Second place titled “Lizzie Borden” and \$50 winner was Barbara Carney of Washington, who graciously added her winnings to the pot to benefit the Washington Food Bank. John Burgess took the challenging job of trying to maintain order in the straw scramble and I’m happy to report no child was lost in the chaos. Nice job John. Kay Burgess, John’s better half, who loves to have her picture taken, took charge of collecting the votes for the “Peoples Choice Award” trophy, which was won by the Behring

family for their entry titled “ Harvest Wedding.” Nice job Kay.

It’s not too early to start thinking about your entry in next years contest. So start collecting those old clothes and props.

Ice Cream Shoppe & Takeout Ready For 2009 Season.

Our new ice cream shop and take-out window was finally completed last October, only four months late. Anyway our plan is to have it up and running in May with expanded evening hours and new picnic tables so stay tuned for more info. This expansion will allow us to triple the amount of flavors we now carry from Round Top Creamery and yes for all who gave me grief last year we will carry ginger. In addition to the ice cream, we’ll be offering seafood, burgers, dogs, fries, onion rings, all the traditional summer fare at the take-out window. Be prepared to bring the kids and celebrate the season. Don’t worry we’ll still be offering our sit down dinners in the café with a new exciting menu, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. See the café page for our weekend offerings. Also while visiting the café, check out our new farm store. We’ve added many new Maine made products that we think you’ll enjoy. Please support these vendors and keep your hard earned dollars in Maine. It will be the only stimulus package they will be receiving.



The Farm Front.

I placed my orders for our spring planting. Hopefully all the snow will be gone and the fields dry enough to plant the third week of April and we'll have it all completed before the black flies arrive. We'll be adding a new field of raspberries containing my favorite black raspberry Jewell and the full flavored red raspberry Killarney. We learned a lesson after a severe thunderstorm last summer and will be devoting more time and energy on a beefier trellising system. We will also be adding a replacement field of strawberries also named Jewell. This is a mid-season variety that ripens around June 26 here in Washington. It has very large fruit with wonderful flavor and is our primary strawberry variety. We will also be

planting a variety named Cabot. It will ripen a week later, is one of the largest varieties available with a great flavor and aroma. Also by request we will be putting in a test plot of bush cherries. They grow with similar characteristics as the high bush blueberry approximately 5' high with all the fruit within easy reach. Unlike blueberries these plants are fast growing and we should have some available for tasting late summer.

Again I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting our venture. Every year we would like to expand not only our produce operation but other community activities like our benefit "Summer Red, White and Blues Festival" held in July, and the "Fall Harvest Festival" held Columbus day weekend. We would be honored for you and your family to consider Sweet Season Farm your farm. If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please take the time to get back to us either in person, by phone 845-3028 or via e-mail info@sweetseasonfarm.com.

Quote of the Month.

"The marvel of all history is the patience with which men and women submit to burdens unnecessarily laid upon them by their governments." – George Washington