

February 2019



Message to TAG Customers

Well here we are a month into 2019 and already anxiously awaiting warmer weather! The year started with quite a mish-mash of weather, and it's made tending to animals just a bit more complicated ... see-sawing temperatures, freezing pipes, melting snow, waist-deep drifts, and icy walkways have made our outdoor chores interesting to say the least!

It's been quite a while since we provided you with an update of all things Thyme Again Gardens, and thought it was time we let you in on what we're planning for 2019. We have a number of changes in the works, and events on the horizon, so here goes:

- We are dispensing with the newsletter that we produced as a separate document over the past few years. While the newsletter received rave reviews, it was very time consuming to produce, and really ate into the time we needed to devote to other activities. Instead, we'll keep you updated on what's available at the farm through shorter, more concise emails.
- We'll continue to use our social media accounts to share stories about the farm, as well as to update you on our availabilities. You can find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).
- We will re-focus our efforts towards a more sustainable "homestead" type farming arrangement ... which means that we will farm with the primary intent of feeding ourselves (as opposed to producing food for others).
- We know, however, that there will always be excess, so we will continue to operate our Farm Stand and sell whatever we have available.
- We will not be a **regular** vendor at the Saturday Wellington Farmer's Market, but we do hope to attend for particular dates when we have specific things available – like in May to sell our seeds and seedlings, later in the summer when our rhubarb and asparagus are in season, and on other special occasions.
- Eggs will continue to be a mainstay of our farm, and we will continue to offer those for sale through our Farm Stand.
- We will **not** have beef, pork or lamb for **bulk sale** in 2019 (ie, you will **not** be able to buy a half or whole cow, pig or lamb this year, as we did not breed our females this past fall). Note though that we **do** have **individual cuts** of pork available now (yes, bacon and pork sausages are back), as well as our famous lamb sausages. We also have a limited supply of whole chickens available.
- We will participate as a vendor at the Picton Seedy Saturday on February 23rd, at the Cobourg Seedy Saturday on March 16th, and at the Quinte Seedy Saturday on March 23rd.
- We will be speaking at the PEC Horticultural Society in March about how we apply permaculture principles on our farm, and how permaculture has improved our farming experience. Date and location to be confirmed.
- We will offer guided farm tours to interested groups where the goals of the group are consistent with and supportive of our philosophy of organic homesteading. We have had mutually beneficial experiences with small primary school groups, artist residencies, wellness retreats and cooking schools – and we look forward to forging more relationships like those.



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- Our annual **seedling sale** will start on the May long weekend, and continue until we are sold out. On Sunday May 19th we will be offering a workshop on successful vegetable gardening, with tips on how to get the most out of your seedlings – stay tuned for details!
- We heard from lots of you that you love the new softer-palette colour scheme for our Thyme Again Gardens logo. So now we are working to standardize the labels for our preserves, teas, creams, seeds, wool and other packaged offerings. We look forward to launching our new look in the near future!

2019 marks the 22nd year of Thyme Again Gardens. It's been an interesting journey, and we are looking forward to this next chapter in our farming lives. We are definitely still "in the business", and hope that you will continue to shop at our Farm Stand, as we strive to share the freshest, most wholesome, organic goodness with you!

Lorraine and Lori