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Nature & Beauty Continue to Carry On

As early September finds us solidly planted in a time of transition on the farm, we reflect on the season's successes and failures and adjust our seed list for next year accordingly. Although flower farming involves a whole lot of flowers, a significant part of what we grow does not look like a traditional flower at all. I am often asked what my favorite flower is and what always comes to mind are the textures, greenery, and other seasonal accents that make our bouquets and arrangements unique.



Dusty Miller (1) is by far one of my very favorite things to grow. The soft silvery green leaves add a gentleness to arrangements and bonus that it can be dried to use in winter wreaths. It likes a cool spring, so we get it in the ground as soon as we can work the soil in the high tunnels. Patiently plugging along, by late May we begin cutting and continue on until frost. We grow the smooth leaved 'New Look' as well as the taller, lacey variety 'Candicans.'



I'm not sure what happened to our **broomcorn (2)** this year, but it is HUGE! The ample rain and hot weather have made for an impressive harvest! Just one stem of broomcorn can add an interesting spark of harvest to an arrangement.



The two main varieties of **amaranth (3)** that we grow are 'Hot Biscuits', a golden rusty tone, and 'Velvet Curtains', a dreamy deep magenta/burgundy. We prefer to pinch (snip the top growing point) the plants when they are around 1' tall to force side branches to grow into more manageable stems that we use in bouquets and arrangements. Unpinched plants produce one giant plume of feathery texture that are great for large scale work.



Although **ornamental grasses (4)** are a hallmark sign of fall, I love to use them all season long. I usually grow around 5-7 different types of grass and also dry them for use in fall/winter wreaths. Even if you don't intentionally grow grasses for your landscape or cutting use, nature ("weeds") offers an abundant supply of different grass textures you can choose from all season long.



For those of you enjoying our summer flower shares, THANK YOU for supporting our farm! This share ends on September 30, however we will be offering flower bouquets through Farmstand into October as long as the weather allows. Enjoy these last few weeks of summer as we slide into autumn and all the changes that it brings!

- Melissa



PLUS ITEMS THIS WEEK

Heritage Acres honey
&
Happy Hollow cheese

