



# Beaver Creek CSA

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### Winterbor Kale

**Full Subscript.**  
is \$565.00 for  
3/4 bushel all 20  
weeks.



**Half Subscription is \$325 for 3/4 bushel 10 weeks.**

**Individual Subscription is \$225 for 1/2 bushel for 10 weeks. We will still take payments on these. Just email me for directions on how to set this up. The prices above are for the early bird discount which is extended to 3/01!**

## Garden and Weather Report

**H**ello from the Gardens!  
We are back to reality, arriving home early last week just in time for what I hope is the last cold snap for this 2015/16 winter season. I have to say that it was quite a shock to our system as we had been enjoying much warmer temperatures in Florida.



As you can see by the picture to the right, we have picked up the soils for greenhouse seeding. We brought this back from Janesville on our trailer early this morning to avoid the 50 mph winds that are whipping around this afternoon. The weather is warming up and this wind is drying everything out in addition to melting the snow and ice. I will be so happy to see the ice gone. I have hit the deck twice this winter on the ice - ouch!

This is always an exciting time for me. We will begin seeding next week. We have a new batch of 25 to 30 little chicks coming

next week too. It is so much fun to seed broccoli to the cheep cheep of little chicks.

I have ordered some Rhode Island Reds, Ameraucanas and Black Sex Link hens. They always send an

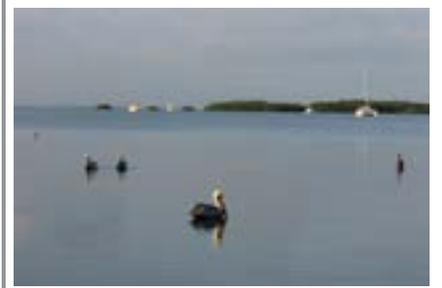
exotic bird with the order, cannot wait to see what that one is this year!

While we were gone, the ground hog came out with a rare early spring forecast. Have you noticed that most years it goes the other way around? I have a feeling he is correct this year because it has been a while since we have experienced an early one and we are most certainly due. With that said, I will be starting things about a week early this year anticipating getting those early crops planted and seeded the first week in April. I will move up other seeding as well.

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### Last 10 days for the Early Bird Special!!

Pelican arriving early for fish!  
They would come same time every evening in hopes of a bite to eat!



# Garden and Weather Report

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If we are fortunate enough to have an early and warmer spring, I want to have the tomatoes and peppers up, hardened off and ready to go in! My mouth is watering with the thought of a sliced tomato. We had great fruit and vegetables in Florida, but after last year when we went through the southern Florida area where they are grown and I was able to walk through their tomato beds, observe their spraying and see the water they used, I did not eat one tomato in Florida. I prefer to wait for my own homegrown Beaver Creek Garden Tomatoes!

Pictured below is Ron working in our screened in porch at the Kon Tiki Resort in Islamorada. The flowers on the right were in the front of the property and were so unusual, I had to grab a picture. It was great to see flowers and butterflies in January. Speaking of flowers, Liz Cardella has grown to a level where she needed to expand and be closer to her production. Congratulations to Liz. She has rented additional land, bought her own tractor but will still be providing flowers for us to enjoy with a weekly delivery to Beaver Creek.

We will continue to grow favorite annuals on site such as sunflowers, zinnias and a few other varieties to add to the buckets she will bring for arrangements. I am also planning on adding a Monarch sanctuary of flowers to the south side of our property. If you haven't read much about the plight of the Monarch, their numbers are half of what they used to be 20 years ago. This is largely due to our conventional agricultural practices that destroy the habitat that they need to lay their eggs - the milkweed plant. Small farmers are being encouraged to add butterfly friendly areas to their mix so that we can see a reversal of these numbers. I intend to do my part!

Please make sure you take advantage of the Early Bird Special. Prices are on page 1. You just need to get me a check by March 1st to take advantage of this pricing. Pass this special on to anyone you think might be interested in becoming a Member of Beaver Creek Gardens 2016 CSA. We have space right now to add your friends!

## This Months Photo's

