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Winterbor Kale

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



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Garden and Weather Report

Hello from the Gardens!
We are now in 2016 and although I am a little south for the month of January, I am still working on the new season. I am ordering soil this week along with some new trays for planting in the greenhouse which will begin in February. I ordered all the seeds for the end of February and early March plantings and they are in waiting for the end of February to begin. As we always do, we also have new chicks coming at the end of February. This is always an exciting time for us.

We had a great time in Springfield at the Organic Conference where I was asked to speak on one of the three topics they had for starting a CSA. It was interesting for me to meet other CSA owners and to share my knowledge of the business with people just starting theirs up.

After Springfield, we set our

sights on some warmer weather. We traveled first to Houston for about 5 days which was fun for me as I had lived there for eight years in the late 80s and early 90s before moving back to northern Illinois. We stopped in New Orleans, always a fun stop and, oh my were



those Beignets delicious! Our last stop is Florida and with the cooler weather in Florida due to El Nino, we decided the further south, the better. So I am here writing this in our Villa at Coco Plum Resorts. Beautiful, warm and we are exercising like crazy. In fact, I actually picked up a tennis racket again after at least a 10, maybe 15, year lay off - ooh sore muscles!

I do get news from the hometown where Ron's interns are working - weather, cold!

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Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

New Orleans - Beignets!



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It is interesting to note that the forecast for the country in the fall, when it became apparent that this was going to be a strong El Nino, was correct. They forecasted a drier, warmer winter for us in Northern Illinois and although I know we just had two very cold snaps - it is nowhere near what we had last year in terms of temperatures and snow. We do need to have those below zero days to keep the insect pressure contained for our spring through fall season and now that we have had those, it may be safe for Ron and I to return!! The meteorologists also forecasted a cooler and wetter winter for the southern states and so far that seems to be the norm down here.

We are seeing cooler mornings and more clouds than normal, but do not feel sorry for us - it has certainly been a respite from the ice and cold. We are expecting a visit from our niece, Angie, and her family this weekend and just relaxing which is something I cannot do from April through October.

I am really excited about the next season - and will be ready to go to work when we return in February. I for one cannot wait to see the first plants up in the greenhouse - probably will be pac choi or broccoli and hope to send pictures of that activity in the next newsletter - so it will be coming to you late in February with little chick pictures and planting in the greenhouse.

We did have a very good Loyalty sign up. For those of you that missed it, please note that I will run the Early Bird Special Discount through mid February - so if you are returning, make sure you get your payments to me by that time. If you want to do the payment plan, email me and I will let you know how that works exactly. I am available by email. Remember vacations when you truly disappeared for weeks, no calls, nothing! Never will happen again in our lifetime unless one of us takes a ride to Mars on an aircraft updated from below left. Picture on the right is the beach outside our Villa - I'll be thinking of you when I am resting in the hammock today!

This Months Photo's

