

Red Tomato Farm **Quarterly Newsletter**

Spring 2016

Spring Is Here!

by Deborah Shaffer

Everyone on the farm is enjoying a busy spring! We were fortunate to have a mild winter and have a taste of some warmer weather in early March. We have done some renovations at the farm to include new shutters on the barn, a new tractor shed, a fresh coat of paint on the barn doors and a duck pond installation, just to name a few. Jason from our staff created the project below to demonstrate to participants how pollution and run off get into our water ways. Our participants really enjoyed learning about how they can protect our streams and tributaries! Pumba, the pot-belly pig, has joined our animal family at the farm.





It's hard to believe that we have been open for one year in May! We are excited to celebrate our first farm anniversary with a

line up of fun activities for our participants from May 23-27 including Farm Olympics and a Guest Chef. Please join us for our Open House on May 27, 11 am-2 pm for farm tours, an art show and homemade refreshments. (RSVP to hbhservices@gmail.com.) We are pleased to announce that we have received our prevocational license! This experience prepares participants for jobs involving farm work, animal care, gardening, gift shops, sales, hospitality, event staff, boutique craft sales, and vintage resale and repurpose. All positions pay minimum wage. Our Inn is starting to take reservations for guests who wish to stay overnight on the farm. We offer three guest rooms to accommodate travelers or those that are simply looking for a relaxing getaway. We have a gift shop in the Inn and if you aren't able to join us, check out our new virtual gift shop on Etsy, both showcase items handcrafted by our participants. Come grow with us!

SPOTLIGHTS

Participants gave our picnic area a fresh coat of paint.



New raised garden boxes were built by our participants for our plants.



Please visit our virtual gift shop on ETSY by searching: "RedTomatoFarm" to check out handcrafted note cards, coat racks and benches.

