

# Noonday Farm 2020

"Every person is called to give love to the work of their hands."



The Winchendon School Farm Program run by Beth usually comes to Noonday everyday but this year was restricted so the Farm came to the 14 students! Here, they are separating garlic cloves for the fall planting.

For 37 years, Noonday Farm's primary work has been to care for the soil, the fields, the forest, the animals, and to work within this small ecosystem to raise over 5500 lbs of amazing organic, nutrient-rich vegetables and 500+ dozen "eggcellent" eggs which are freely offered to local families and elders through partnerships with the Winchendon & Gardner Community Action Councils & the local Senior Center.

This year, the vegetables were brought to the parking lots outside the Winchendon and Gardener CAC's at specific times so they could be delivered to the folks in their cars. The need was greater then ever before. We missed the regular volunteers and interns but Ana (Noonday Director) and Chantal (Winchendon colleague) came frequently to sift compost, plant and harvest!

Please consider a donation to Noonday Farm, Inc. We deeply appreciate your past support and look forward to a spectacular 2021 growing season & harvest helped by wonderful volunteers and friends.

Thank you & Happy New Year 2021!

Warmly, Beth & Bob



Finally, students came to work at the Farm and cleared the beds for the winter.



The Garlic transported from Noonday to the students who prepared it for planting.



Hanging the Garlic! Robin and Raven, dear friends from Boston, came to help harvest the Garlic.

“As Eric Gill says, "every man is called to give love to the work of his hands. Every man is called to be an artist." The small family farm is one of the last places - they are getting rarer every day - where men and women (and girls and boys, too) can answer that call to be an artist, to learn to give love to the work of their hands. It is one of the last places where the maker - and some farmers still do talk about "making the crops" - is responsible, from start to finish, for the thing made. This certainly is a spiritual value, but it is not for that reason an impractical or uneconomic one. In fact, from the exercise of this responsibility, this giving of love to the work of the hands, the farmer, the farm, the consumer, and the nation all stand to gain in the most practical ways: They gain the means of life, the goodness of food, and the longevity and dependability of the sources of food, both natural and cultural. The proper answer to the spiritual calling becomes, in turn, the proper fulfillment of physical need.” Wendell Berry



Carrots in Hands...  
324lbs harvested



Tomatoes in  
Jars...1168lbs  
harvested

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mailed or donated online.

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