

Kitchen Garden

Seasonal Update - February 2025

As we transition from winter into the longer, brighter days of early spring, here's a quick update on how the kitchen garden is shaping up and what fresh produce is currently available.

What's Ready Now?

- Kale – The hardy kale has made it through winter, though harvests will now be less frequent.
- Salad Leaves – While growth has slowed during the colder months, increasing daylight hours will encourage a steady supply.
- Cabbages – I'll be dropping off some today that can no longer stand in the field. There will be a small but steady supply over the next couple of weeks.
- Leeks – Looking fantastic and abundant! They're happy to stand in the field until the weather warms up, but I'll bring some in today. Let me know if you need more.
- Kalettes & Purple Sprouting Broccoli (PSB) – Kalettes are just about ready, and I'll be bringing in some today, along with any PSB that's ready to pick.

What's Coming Soon?

- Cauliflower – The plants are looking strong but haven't formed heads yet. With some warm, wet weather, they should come on quickly. I'll keep you posted!
- Hydroponics – A slow start this season. The mustard leaves are doing well, but the first herb sowings didn't take off as planned. We'll be resowing and expect them to catch up soon.

Looking Ahead: Spring Plantings

The first greenhouse tomatoes have been sown and potted on, while the first round of cauliflowers, spring onions, and shallots are in the soil. We've also sown a few broad beans to replace those lost to hungry slugs.

Not everything has gone to plan—some robins made a feast of our first onion seeds and completely wiped out the chilli seedlings! So, those are running a little behind, but we're resowing and staying optimistic.

In the next few weeks, sowing will ramp up with early beetroot, peas, radish, kohlrabi, and more, which, fingers crossed, should be ready by early May.

Don't forget to check back for our next seasonal update!