GROW APPALACHIA

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As We Come to an End…

…for this year. We enjoy the cooler days and maybe not so much the even cooler nights as we strive to finish out this year's garden season.

Turning our harvests into sustenance for the winter months consumes a great deal of our time and effort. However, like gardening, is ultimately worth it. Canning, freezing and dehydrating are the most prominent ways of preserving our produce. Canners were impossible to buy this year but we did get vacuum sealers and dehydrators for those who wanted them. Lids, rings and jars were bought for those who already had canners. We purchased "The All New BALL Book of Canning and Preserving" for our gardeners. It is an awesome book and everyone loves it.

As you can see, in the pictures, the processed produce looks yummy! My granddaughter, Angel came to visit. She is posing with the produce she helped pick . (Yes, those are her "Work Clothes.") The purchased vacuum sealers and dehydrators were put to good use this Fall as shown to the right with trays full of tomatoes drying.








As you can see from the picture of Tim Lambdin, the project coordinator, he loves being on that tractor. And he loves the Grow Appalachia Program hosted by Berea College. We had no idea how much we would both love and enjoy all this hard work when we joined the Grow Appalachia Program. Tim and I both are just part-time workers but we have a full time love of gardening and the people we serve. Thank you Grow Appalachia and the Berea Bunch for all your help and support.

So as we come to an end of this season, we also hope for a new beginning. We have submitted our 2021 GA Proposal to Berea College, and are awaiting acceptance. In the mean time, we are already making plans for next spring. Our gardeners, new and returning, are getting their 2021 Grow Appalachia Garden Applications filled out and turned in. We are getting our soil ready for the winter slumber so it will be rested and ready for us to start in the Spring.

Praise the Lord! Life in the garden is good.

Happy Fall Y'all!

See you in the Spring, Casey

2020 HS Grow Appalachia Statistics
41 Gardeners produced Over 18,000 lbs of produce harvested (so far)
The Community Garden produced Over 1000 lbs donated to the Food Pantry