

October marches on

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Hurricane season is in full tilt for the southern part of the country. We are not immune though. In October of 2011 we were graced with a foot of snow for Halloween. October of 2013 we had a visit from Hurricane Sandy that took years for the area to recover from. So, not out of the woods yet. November is usually calmer and colder except for last year when a foot of snow arrived early and just in time to cause chaos for rush hour in the area. Enough about the weather. Harvesting as much as possible with great amounts of cucumbers, pak choi, basil, lavender, rosemary and various peppers.

Harvest time is Pesto time. Basil leaves must be used before the cold arrives. Pesto freezes well in ice cube trays and can be a return of summer flavors on winter evenings. Some of the greens such as Pak Choi and Asian Cabbage can stay outside for a while if protected. Inside, the Aerogardens will sprout herbs, cherry tomatoes and tiny Thai peppers. Bringing some plants indoors (Hibiscus, Vinca and Geraniums) while the water garden tubs must be drained and the tubers brought inside for the winter. Below are today's vegetable harvests.



Pak Choi



Cucumbers, Golden cherry tomato, Mini Bell Pepper, Thai pepper