

2002 at Evergreen Farm

Once again, it is nice to have you back! Or if it is your first visit – welcome! (Where have you been?)

As you may have noticed, tree planting continues with more than 2,300 planted this year. These should be ready from 2009 – 2010 – see what optimists we are! We hope you spotted that newly planted one with the great color and shape and marked your memory to claim it in 2010. The nursery also received over one thousand newcomers that needed some extra strengthening before being put into the plantations.

Drought continues to claim too many young trees, but fortunately, we have a soil with enough clay to hold water near the root zone for most of the larger trees. We never used heavy equipment to clear rocks and stumps, and although we have to cope with them, we left our soil intact with much clay and organic matter near the roots.

Again this year, wildlife has been plentiful, with three groups of wild turkeys roaming about. They love to find where we have put in new soil to fill in where a rock was removed. They then proceed to “dust” themselves by wiggling about in the dirt. In the process, they create another mini crater. Deer, bluebirds, great-horned owls, screech owls and lots of butterflies in the flower garden make our lives richer.

We want to thank you for coming. Your visits enable us to keep this good land productive and open. Your support of local farms like ours makes possible open space, which retains our rural character.

We wish everyone peace, good health and much love. Merry Christmas!

Bill and Julie