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# Vermont Valley Community Farm

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**We hope you are enjoying all of your delicious greens.  
We are having fun harvesting them for you.**



Sorrel harvest from a field on the farm.

The vegetables you are receiving in your spring share come from three places: The hoophouse, the tunnel and outside. The hoophouse is a 30' x 150' greenhouse where we plant directly into the ground and let the vegetables grow to maturity. It is a highly automated structure. Thermostatic controls open and close the side walls to monitor the temperature. We harvest directly from the hoophouse. (the hoophouse was pictured in the last newsletter) The tunnel is a very low tech structure. (above and right) Metal bows are bent every 10'. The structure is 12' wide by 400' long. Only short people can stand upright. The plastic is held down by sandbags outside to keep the wind from blowing it off. (sometimes the wind still blows it off) On sunny days we manually lift the plastic up and support it on metal bars to keep it open. We close it again each night. We have to wait for the snow to melt to construct it (a bit nerve wracking in early spring when we know we need to start planting so the greens are ready for the share). It needs constant maintenance. The high winds have already torn apart the south end this season, but we are growing beautiful vegetables in it for you. Spring keeps us on our toes! No complaints !!

