



Philosophical Ponderings of a Farmer

Farming vs Summer Vacations (c) 2018

While I'm outside A LOT, it can sometimes be hard to enjoy the weather and farm at the same time. I mean, of course I am enjoying the sun every day as I'm out in the field, but I do miss having the freedom to go on trips and explore during the summer.

Farming has a tendency of not only tying you down, but also taking over almost all aspects of your life. I've tried to structure my business as a part-time venture, but have discovered that there is no such thing as part-time farming. (Well, at least I'm not to the point where I can make that work yet. Maybe next season?) And so I find myself sneaking in some "side" work on the weekends and after dinner. This usually entails easy, non-field related tasks, such as emails, planning, reviewing documents, labeling jars, etc.

But I also understand that balance is extremely important. I've seen many farmers burn out, and if what they are doing isn't fun anymore, what's the point? Which is why when my sister invited me to spend a week with her in Idaho, in July, I decided that I would just make it work. Yep, I'm leaving my plots to enjoy the high desert, do some wakeboarding, hike in the forest, etc. For a whole week!

One benefit to having your plots located on other people's property is that they are often willing to do some watering for you. I will need to find a "babysitter" to look after a couple of plots, but for the most part, I've already got things covered. And hopefully when I return, everything will be so much bigger than it was before I left!