Dear Farmory Donors, Supporters and Volunteers:

Thanks to your unyielding support, The Farmory has been able to complete its funding package and move forward with Phase II capital construction for The Farmory! You may remember that Phase II includes #CladtheFarmory and completing our hatchery expansion by the end of 2019!

We are so excited to begin this next chapter, and as a result of the coming construction we will be taking a break from offering tours and public visits to allow for our construction to begin.

Our team would like to extend a HUGE thank you to our donors, volunteers, staff, board of directors and community partners for continuing
to support our vision of sustainable aquaponics in Northeast Wisconsin, thank you! Keep your eye on your mail box for construction updates and an announcement for an open house in early 2020!

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Phase II Construction is Beginning!

THE FARMORY
Volunteer Spotlight

This week's Volunteer Spotlight is on Marty Theil. Marty joined The Farmory in June of this year. Marty's innovative ideas have helped us in so many ways. He made a tool that helps with soil distribution during planting. He has also assisted with re-plumbing of maturation tank in The Hatchery. Many thanks to Marty!
I want to volunteer! Click HERE for more information!

Our fish are really smart!

Since our fish spend most of their time in schools, it only makes sense that from time to time, they should be graded. Fish grow at different rates. Larger fish eat larger food and sometimes they even eat their brothers and sisters. So volunteers at the hatchery will grade fish according to size and separate them as needed. The device in the photo is a grader and allows smaller fish to swim through the roller spaces, separating out the larger fish. The rollers are adjusted as needed. Special thanks to Freshflo Corporation out of Sheboygan for their donation of our grader!
Construction Update

The Farmory continues to build out the hatchery in preparation for a new batch of fish. All of the components for the brood stock maturation tanks have been plumbed and are waiting electrical hookup. A notable improvement in the added systems are higher quality UV (ultra violet) filtration lights. UV light alters and disrupts the cellular structure of living cells found in algae and bacteria, effectively killing these contaminants and preventing their reproduction.

The planned expansion of the hatchery includes fish egg incubation tanks and larval tanks. We will also be installing a large raceway tank to raise our juvenile fish to a marketable size. Stay tuned…big changes are on the way!
On October 8th we obtained 30 fish for brood stock from Bill West at the Blue Iris Fish Farm. These fish will be conditioned to spawn in June, providing eggs that will be hatched in a planned cyclical rotation. The later June hatch will help the hatchery maintain a constant supply of saleable fish. Since our spawning operations have just begun, two of the four brood stock tanks will temporarily hold purchased fingerlings as they grow to a more profitable size for resale. When the hatchery is in full production early next year, all four tanks will hold brood stock in various stages of their spawning cycle.

Committee Updates

**Program Committee:** The newly formed Program Committee is in its planning stages. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 5 p.m.

**Farming Committee:** Hatchery Subcommittee is meeting on October 30th. The next Farming Committee meeting is TBD.

**Marketing Committee:** The next Marketing Committee is on November 11 at 3:30.
UPCDC Board of Directors: The next UPCDC Board of Directors meeting is November 13 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. All board meetings are open and volunteers are welcome to attend.

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