



The GRAPEVINE

NEWS FROM UNION GROVE FARM

Happy Thanksgiving from your neighbors at Union Grove Farm! We are busy this fall preparing to plant 17,500 new muscadine vines and wanted to share the latest update of our farm going on.

'Horse high, pig tight, and bull strong'



That is the old farmer's advice on 'how to build a fence'. And fences we are building! If you have traveled along Dairyland Road recently, you will have seen our awesome team of Dane, Refugio and Davide out there putting in posts and building our UGF trademark brown fence around what will be our newly planted fields next spring. Feel free to give them a wave or a honk.

Next up, vine trellises ...

In the next few months our vine trellis systems will start to appear. These new vines will take up residency at Maple View and Hill View (on Union Grove Church Road). It's a hectic pace, and we will keep it up over the next four years. Stay tuned and follow our progress on **Instagram @uniongrovevineyard**.

... and sheep!

We finished planting the cover crops ahead of schedule across all the farms. Germination went well, and everything is looking incredibly healthy

and green as we prepare for the arrival of sheep in early spring. Not baaaaaad ... (yeah, we said it).

30,000 very productive employees

... will be joining the largest team of employees in Orange County who help build our soil. Dr. Laura has been busy increasing our headcount to 40,000 employees (worms) and has been harvesting the most incredible worm castings you can imagine. Looking forward to offering some to our neighbors when we have an oversupply.

Maple View Farm

We have decided to move forward with our distillery, and you are likely seeing all the construction work at Maple View Farm. The distilling equipment will arrive in mid-January, and we hope to be in production by early summer. Get ready!

Tree Farm Road

Tree Farm clearing will resume this winter. We are ready to relocate our heavy equipment to Tree Farm and finish our ground prep work there. We are also planning to complete a pond this spring to be used for irrigation. Two years away from grapes.

Help wanted

Teamwork makes the dream work! UGF is looking for someone to develop and manage our agritourism business. If you love working with the public and are an excellent communicator (or know someone who fits the bill), please reach out to us.

We hope you all **enjoy a healthy, safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday**. We are so excited to be part of this amazing community. As always, please feel free to reach out to m@ug.farm with any questions.

It's always a grape day at Union Grove Farm! 🍇