



## Idle Hands Don't Get Dirty

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Karen adds spent hay for mulch to the Hobby Farms Victory Garden, in spite of the rainy June weather. The Hobby Farms Victory Garden, planted behind the office here in Lexington, is coming along, despite the incessant rain we've been having here in the Bluegrass.

We've got scores of veggies planted including eggplant, tomatoes, squash, herbs, beans, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers and more.

At the beginning, I thought the Victory Garden was going to be a massive undertaking and that it would pull valuable time away from our office work. However, with people contributing labor and various farm byproducts, it really has been a community effort, and hopefully, not too much of a burden on any one person.

The plot was tilled and amended with horse manure, supplied by our publisher, Joe Morris. Judy Rosson, HF sales manager, Lisa Munniksma, HF managing editor, and Thoroughbred Times staff members Brandy Hoch, Wendy Young, Carrie Prewitt and Randy Grigsby planted seedlings started in Judy's sunroom.

Joe's wife, Debbie Morris, came by a few days later and added a nice variety of peppers, cucumbers and other heirloom plants supplied by a friend who runs a nursery.

Last night, Judy brought her truck over to my farm and we loaded it up with spent hay from my goat barn, and this morning (in the rain!) I forked it onto the beds, creating a nice layer of mulch and walking paths between the rows.

We probably need another two truckloads of mulch to complete this task.

Now that plants are coming up, the garden feels so much more rewarding. It's always slow going when all you see is a big patch of bare soil. In the blink of an eye, we'll be pulling beans off the vine, and lettuce out of the ground.

Today, I got my hands dirty and worked outside in the mud. Believe it or not, that is the work I prefer, and it always makes me feel renewed and wholly productive.

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