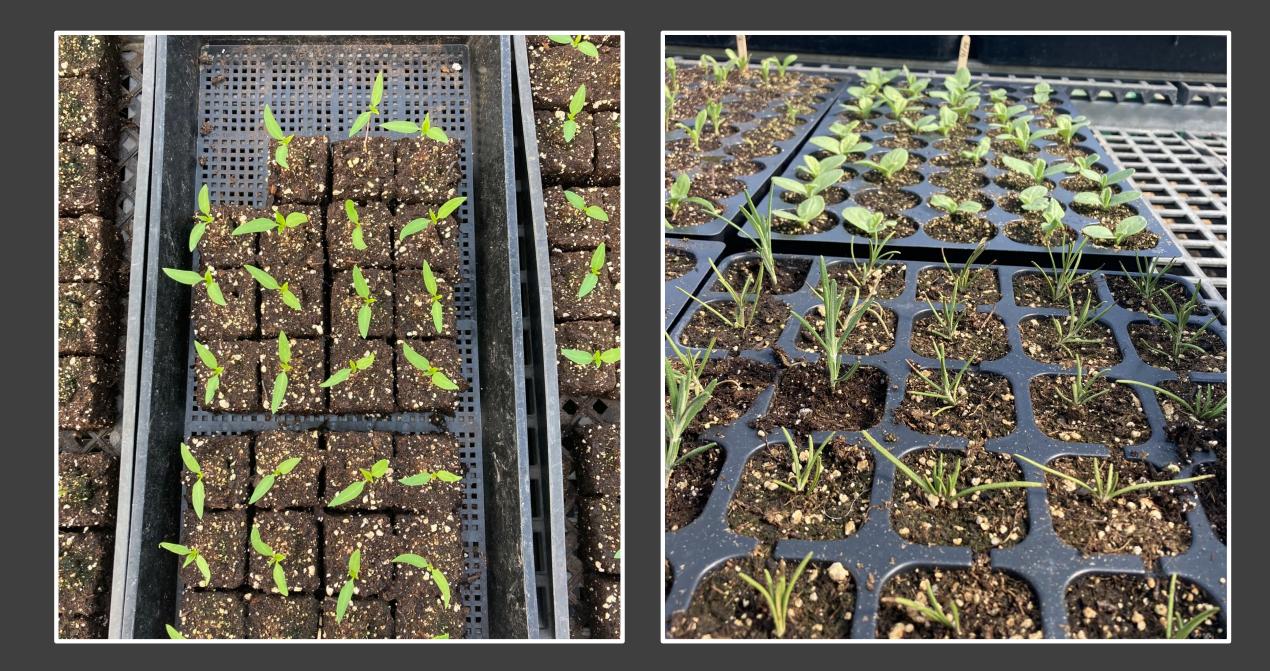
SUPER SIMPLE, SAVVY, Soil-Blocking!





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I AM CONVINCED THAT THE PEST PROBLEMS I OFTEN SEE ON OTHER FARMS ARE A CONSEQUENCE OF TRANSPLANTING SEEDLINGS ALREADY STRESSED FROM HAVING BEEN GROWN IN THE CONFINES OF MULTIPLE-CELL PLUG TRAYS. Eliot Coleman

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What we will be covering:

What is a soil-block? Why are soil-blocks so amazing? How do I make them?





What is a Soil-block?

- A block made out of lightly compressed potting soil.
- It serves as both the container and the growing medium for a transplant seedling.





Why are Soil-blocks so amazing?

- Promote healthy root growth
- Gives adequate space to grow
- Less plastic waste
- Hardier for transplanting
- Quicker start when transplanted





How do I make them?

Tools and supplies:

- Soil-Blocker (Ladbrooke)
- Potting mix (Peat-based)
- Container for mixing
- Trays(Bootstrap Farmer 1020 trays)















How to make Soil-blocks:

- Mix potting mix and water at a ratio of 3:1
- Spread the mix thicker than the depth of the blocker.
- Press Soil-blocker quickly into the mix.
- Look for water pressing up out of the corners.
- Twist and tilt the blocker as you lift it up to break the suction.





Soil-block making continued:

- Scrape off the excess potting mix.
- Place the blocker in the tray.
- Raise the sides up to release the blocks.
- Repeat until the tray is full.









HAPPY BLOCKING!





