

# Strong Family Farm Newsletter - November 4, 2017

Coming Next Week - This, That, and a Few Other Things

Good Morning!

Let's jump right in with the fun stuff, tonight's Almost Very Special Full Moon!

According to the Farmer's Almanac early American's named November's full moon the Beaver Moon because that's when they and the Algonquin tribes set out their beaver traps! They needed to do so before the swamps froze so they could have a good supply of warm winter furs.



November's full moon is also known as the Frost Moon or the Hunter's Moon.

Why is this month's November moon "almost" special?

It's because it missed being classified as a "supermoon" by one day.

A supermoon is one that is full and as close as it can get to the Earth at the same time.

That's not to say the moon isn't going to look uncommonly large and beautiful tonight, but it won't be quite as full as the next supermoon that takes place on December 3rd.

## Have You Ever Wondered What Bees Do In The Winter?

Though global warming has been playing havoc with our New England winters,

SUN 10/29	MON 10/30	TUE 10/31	WED 11/1	THU 11/2	YESTERDAY
Actual Temp 70° /56°	Actual Temp 70° /50°	Actual Temp 57° /38°	Actual Temp 46° /34°	Actual Temp 73° /46°	Actual Temp 76° /50°

at some point in time, temperatures will be below freezing.

So what do the bees do?

According to Thought Co., most bees and wasps hibernate.

There are some species that die out during the winter, where only the Queen Bee survives to start her new family all over again in the spring.

Then there's the honey bee, their honey, and something called Thermoregulation.



Though we benefit in many ways from the sweet, golden deliciousness of the bee's honey, they need it in order to survive the winter.

The honey fuels their ability to keep warm which they do by shivering or vibrating their flight muscles without moving their wings.

And they're very smart about how they organize their hive during the cold months. They cluster together with the Queen Bee at the warmest spot in the center. When those bees at the outer edges of the cluster get cold they push to the warmer center.

The colder the temperature, the more tightly packed the cluster.

### The 5th Annual Harvest Festival Community and Vendor Participants

You can view and download the list from the Farm's website at : <http://www.strongfamilyfarm.org/programs/>

## And . . . Last but Not Least!

Please accept my apologies for reminding you to set your clocks back last weekend!

Not only did I take that information from the wrong source, I turned my clocks back!

So I went from having extra sleep to losing sleep all in one day!

Thankfully, I'll get that lost hour of sleep back again this weekend, and you can pick up your extra one!

All the best,

Quinn Eurich, Editor

P.S. Remember to Check out the changes we've made to the website by [clicking here.](#)