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watermelons were the sweetest anyone could hope to taste. And he always seemed to know when a melon was ripe for picking.

At the end of the growing season, like his father before him, Cliff would get his grandpa Antti's homemade wire baskets to gather in the potatoes. He always harvested the potatoes by himself because he kept track of how many pounds

of reds, whites and russets the garden produced each year. He then carried them into the root cellar for winter storage. When Cliff passed away in 2015, he died while doing what he loved to do – harvesting potatoes.

Today, Nestor's grandson Eric and his wife Anna are raising their family of six in the same house, on the land homesteaded by Antti and Wilhemina 123 years ago. Other

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Howie carefully holds an onion over the flame of a candle to singe the cut onion roots. Oldtimers believed singing the onions would lengthen their storage life.



Elsa and Harlow use their great-great-grandpa Antti Komppa's homemade wire basket to carry potatoes to the wheelbarrow. Each autumn, harvesting potatoes is the fun event to end a summer of gardening.



Pulling potatoes is the children's favorite thing to do, whether during the summer for fresh eating or in the autumn during harvest. Ina helps her mom pull some red potatoes for supper.

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