

Why is my garden celery yucky?

This is a call for help. Last October I planted - on impulse - a 6-pack of celery. It has looked beautiful for months, though periodic tastings of outer stalks were disappointing. They were tough and bitter. So finally today I had enough. I pulled them all out. After a lot of rinsing to remove the slugs, aphids, ladybug larvae, and stink bugs I cut up two plants and am boiling them to prepare a celery-flavored stock for cooking. I will refrigerate one plant to see if it mellows a bit as it blanches in the cold darkness.

Planted in early October in bottom row next to pots of herbs.



They look good...



Cleaning off bugs. Why am I so afraid of eating a few aphids?

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As I write this the smell of cooking celery wafts up to my desk. I love that smell!

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Does anyone know why this was such a failure? The plants looked great. They were growing in rich soil and cool, wet weather. Ideas anyone?