



June 2011 Newsletter



So as we approach the beginning of summer, things are looking good at the farm, despite the crazy weather during the last few months. The summer crops are all planted and doing well ~ you can expect some nice cucumbers, summer squashes, new potatoes, peppers, green beans, corn, basil, tomatoes, and melons in a couple of months. (FYI about melons, if you ever plant your own ~ birds will eat the seeds right out of the field! We had to replant most of them in pots to get them started safely indoors. Sometimes you have to learn these things the hard way!). For now, we hope you are enjoying all the greens, the broccoli that just came in (and it's delicious), and more garlic scapes than we know what to do with. Fava beans and peas are also right around the corner, as well as spring beets and carrots, onions, fennel, and more kale and lettuce. Flower picking has begun so be sure to take a few zinnias when you come for your share. I've been putting out recipes for anyone who needs inspiration, so please take them.

Speaking of shares, we have changed the pick-up hours slightly: for Tuesday members, pick-up is Tuesday from 12 noon – 9 pm, or Wednesday from 6 am – 12 noon. For Friday members, it's Friday from 12 noon – 9 pm or Saturday from 6 am – 12 noon. We cut out the night hours so that the greens don't wilt from sitting out for too long. If anyone has to pick up at night, please email or call Steve so we can make arrangements for you. Also, from now on the share will be cleaned up promptly at 12:00 Wednesdays and Saturdays, so if you are going to be late let Steve know in advance. We can bag up a late pick up and store it in the cooler once in awhile, but we do not have the time for it to be a routine thing. Also if you are going to skip a week, please let us know.

We would like to take an opportunity to vehemently thank the awesome work share crew that has been coming in. Their energy and willingness to work is tremendous; we wouldn't be getting by without them. And they are a joy to work with. ☺

On the horizon is the putting-up of a huge deer fence around the entire farm, since we just recently got approval for a grant which pays for almost the entire cost of deer fencing. This will greatly reduce the amount of crop loss due to animal eating, especially once we have a dog or two living within the fence. Also coming soon is the Garden Market, probably from July onwards.



Pictures clockwise from top: The Spring field, with endive, lettuces, carrots, broccoli, beets, and fennel visible; sugar snap peas almost ready for picking; early green tomatoes emerging; cabbages growing nicely; new potatoes and carrots from the first share; Jake posing amid the potato plants.

Take care.....

~ Robyn

