



May 2013 Newsletter

Hi everybody. Welcome to the 2013 season at Asbury Village Farm.

The pickups start next week, either Tuesday 6/4 or Friday 6/7, depending on which pickup day you chose. This newsletter is mainly to let you know how we do pickups and to let you know what to expect in the next few weeks.

First off, my prediction in the previous newsletter about an early spring couldn't have been more wrong. The spring vegetables like peas, spinach, broccoli and cabbage have loved the extended cool weather we've experienced, but at the same time I've put off planting out the peppers, tomatoes, and eggplant due to the very cool nights we're still having. The first two rounds of sweet corn are in the ground and growing, and all of the potatoes and sweet potatoes are planted.

The first two weeks of pickup will be predominantly greens. In the first pickup we will offer lettuce heads, spinach, mesclun mix, kale, bok choy, and sweet spring turnips. There may also be scallions though I may let them size up for another week. Soon to follow in the coming weeks will be collard greens, swiss chard, sugar snap peas, garlic scapes, fava beans, baby beets, and broccoli. The first shares of the year are always the lightest but steadily increase as we move toward July.



Here are a few things to remember throughout the season. First, if you need to contact us, email is much easier for us to respond to than phone calls. We do not employ a secretary and often Steve responds to email messages pre-dawn before starting the work day. Also, if you need to switch pick up days occasionally, just drop an email and let us know. It will always be ok. **The pickup hours are Tuesday noon until Wednesday noon, and Friday noon until Saturday noon.** Please come during those hours as we will be cleaning up the distribution room and closing the barn when the pickup hours are past. If you miss your pickup time please email to make arrangements to get your share, we will not be able to stop work to pull the produce back out of the cooler on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

When you come to get your share the produce will be in the distribution room in the barn by the parking lot, with signs posted to tell you how much of each item to take. On Tuesdays and Fridays there will be a Greeter working from noon until three to help with any questions you may have. We would be grateful to anyone who would like to leave us plastic shopping bags in the distribution room to reuse for people bagging up their veggies.

Finally, we are still trying to sell shares, so if anyone asks, we will continue to sell shares pro-rated as we move into the season. Be well and enjoy, Steve



Clockwise from above: 2-year-old farm resident Rhea Sophia picking wildflowers in a fallow field; Farmer Steve setting out young flower plants; a newly plowed field bound for summer crops; and the work share crew planting corn seedlings last week.

