



Notes From the Pea Patch

Foxtail Community Farm

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Farmer's Notebook

The moment we've all been waiting for is almost here - CSA deliveries begin in just one week! This newsletter contains important information for members about delivery sites, schedules and more. **Please review this information now and keep it handy as a reference all season.**

This season we are happy to welcome 12 new families to the CSA and welcome back 48 others - including four of you who have been with us since our very first CSA season ten years ago! We are especially glad to see continued growth in local memberships from folks who live close enough to pick up shares on the farm, which now account for a full third of our members.

Whether you live at the edges of our reach or just down the road, we hope you will connect with your farm throughout the season. We are open for visitors Saturdays 9 am - 3 pm. Browse the farmstand, help with morning chores, participate in a workshop, visit chickens, ducks and bunnies, lend a hand at a volunteer day or simply enjoy a picnic or hike on the property. We will let members know about volunteer opportunities and workshops as the season progresses and hope you will take advantage of them.

Our weekly emails and farm website are great resources to help you stay connected. Each week we will post a newsletter to let you know what we are up to and provide tips and recipes to help you enjoy that week's share. The News & Notes page on our website is designed specifically for CSA members, with additional information and links to the farm calendar, on-line farmstand and newsletter archives. If you are on Facebook, please like and follow our page to get the most current updates and exchange information with other members and farm friends.

We are looking forward to sharing a great CSA season with you! ~ *Eric & Rachel*

Out of the Box

Over the 22 weeks of the Summer CSA season we will harvest more than 60 different kinds of vegetables, including many heirloom and specialty varieties and several new varieties we are trialing this year. With a little cooperation from Mother Nature, here's what you can expect to find in your boxes:

Early Season: arugula ~ basil ~ beets ~ bok choy ~ broccoli ~ broccoli raab ~ cabbage ~ carrots ~ cauliflower ~ cherry tomatoes ~ chives ~ dill ~ garlic scapes ~ joi choi ~ lettuce ~ mesclun mix ~ microgreens ~ parsley ~ pea shoots ~ potatoes ~ radicchio ~ radishes ~ scallions ~ snow peas ~ sorrel ~ spinach ~ sugar snap peas ~ summer squash ~ Swiss chard ~ turnips ~ zucchini



Mid-Season: basil ~ beets ~ bok choy ~ broccoli ~ bunching onions ~ cabbage ~ carrots ~ celery ~ cilantro ~ corn ~ cherry tomatoes ~ cucumbers ~ dill ~ edamame ~ eggplant ~ hot peppers ~ lettuce ~ marjoram ~ melons ~ mesclun mix ~ okra ~ onion ~ parsley ~ potatoes ~ snap beans ~ summer squash ~ sweet peppers ~ Swiss chard ~ tatsoi ~ tomatillos ~ tomatoes



Late Season: arugula ~ beets ~ broccoli ~ broccoli raab ~ Brussels sprouts ~ cabbage ~ carrots ~ celeriac ~ collards ~ cucumbers ~ corn ~ cherry tomatoes ~ eggplant ~ fennel ~ garlic ~ hot peppers ~ kale ~ kohlrabi ~ leeks ~ lemon grass ~ lettuce ~ lima beans ~ onions ~ parsnips ~ popcorn ~ potatoes ~ radicchio ~ radishes ~ rutabaga ~ sage ~ sorrel ~ sweet peppers ~ tomatoes ~ tomatillos ~ turnips ~ winter squash



How about the rest?

- ✓ Egg shares will be delivered weekly starting Week 1 and continuing through October
- ✓ Fruit shares will be delivered weekly starting around Week 2 (stay tuned)
- ✓ Chicken shares will be delivered monthly, dates are dependent on growth & processing schedule - will be emailed in advance



2015 Summer CSA Delivery Information

Delivery Basics:

- ☞ On your scheduled delivery day, go to your designated site and pick up your share items plus any extras you've ordered for that week.
- ☞ Please take everything you ordered, and take only what is yours!
 - ☞ Vegetable shares will be delivered in boxes that are labeled with your name. This label also will list any other items you have ordered (fruit, eggs, meat, special orders for that week).
 - ☞ Fruit shares will be delivered in plastic fruit bags with handles. One fruit share = 1 bag. If you ordered multiple fruit shares, you should take the corresponding number of bags. Fruit shares will start around mid June.
 - ☞ Chicken orders will be delivered once per month. Dates will vary depending on when birds are ready for processing. For those with chicken shares, we will send out an email prior to chicken deliveries so you know when they are coming.
- ☞ Shares will be delivered by 4:00 pm each week. Please pick up your share as early as possible for freshness, and no later than 7:00 pm, as a courtesy to your site host. Sites may be locked after 7:00 pm.
- ☞ The next week (and every week) bring back your empty vegetable box and pick up a new full one in its place. Do not throw away your vegetable box! These are special waxed boxes.
- ☞ We also appreciate returns of clean fruit bags, green fruit talls, egg cartons and glass canning jars to be re-used.
- ☞ When a delivery day falls on a state holiday, deliveries are shifted to the next day (i.e. from Monday to Tuesday) of the same week

Monday Delivery Sites

First Delivery: June 1st

Albany

Where: 31 Colonial Ave, Albany

Site Host: John & Liz Gaudet

Telephone: 428-4569 or 458-9303

Email: lgaudet31@gmail.com, jgaudet@nycap.rr.com

Shares inside garage

Members: *Carlton, DeBerry, Detweiler, Gaudet, Gaul, Jurkowski-Lefebvre, Lee, Mack-Scaringe, McHugh-Couey, Monjeau-Brower, Rath, Stetzer*

Delmar "A"

Where: 112 Adams Place, Delmar

Site Host: Mary Applegate & Charles Fisher

Telephone: 364-7434 or 439-5419.

Email: msa912@gmail.com

Shares inside front screened porch

Members: *Applegate-Fisher, Blog-Zisman, Bosworth, Coombe-Kopplin, Devore, Hardy, Hodom, Jaffe-Klein, Lurie-Mirer, Moticka-Beddows, Quinlivan, Schottler-Thal, Young-Chapple*

Delmar "B"

Where: 170 Adams Street, Delmar

Site Host: Maisie Weissman & Daniel Nester

Telephone: 439-1946 or 482-0872

Email: maisieweissman@gmail.com, danielnester@gmail.com

Shares on front porch

Members: *Bortoluzzi-Priggen, Cohen, DeRosa, Larrabee, Tobias-Wallingford, Weissman-Nester*

Loudonville

Where: 20 Ross Court, Loudonville

Site Host: Phyllis Silver

Telephone: 221-0316

Email: phyllis.silver1@gmail.com

Shares in hallway between house and garage

Members: *Chouffi, Darling-Schenk, Hutton, Kelly-Carlsen, Lang, Shea, Silver, Wilhelm*

Thursday Delivery Sites

First Delivery: June 4th

Greenville

Where: 506 Route 75, Greenville (on the farm)

Site Host: Eric and Rachel de Long

Telephone: 966-8698

Email: mail@foxtailcommunityfarm.com

Shares in red barn, past the farmhouse. Drive down the farm road past the house and park along the side of the greenhouse.

Members: *Connolly, Costello, de Long, Fagan, Goode, Goodman, Grant, Hauck, Hostash, Hvizdak, Kelly, Malanga, McElwey, O'Hare, Park, Renihan, Rochler, Smith, Spring, Strausman, Young-Content, Zenker*

Oh, no! What should I do?

I can't pick up my share this week!

- ☞ You can cancel with 24 hours notice to the farm.
- ☞ You can have a friend pick up your share for you. **Please make sure they understand the delivery system** so they do not inadvertently take items belonging to other members! This is the leading cause of mistakes at pick-up sites.
- ☞ We cannot accommodate changing shares to another day or site.
- ☞ Each member may request credit for one canceled share during the season. This must be requested a week in advance. There are no other credits or refunds for missed shares.
- ☞ We can hold chicken shares in our freezer if needed.

I forgot to pick up my share!

- ☞ If you are running late, have a last-minute conflict or realize that you forgot to pick up **please contact your site host**.
- ☞ Any shares not claimed within 24 hours will be donated or discarded at site host's discretion unless other arrangements are made (Greenville shares will be held in cooler up to one week).

I took the wrong share!

- ☞ Please contact your site host right away. They may already be trouble-shooting the situation.
- ☞ Return the items to your delivery site so they can be claimed.