



Notes From the Pea Patch

Foxtail Community Farm

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Farmer's Notebook

It's finally time! In just two weeks, CSA deliveries will begin. **We've summarized all the key information about deliveries on the reverse side of this newsletter.** There are some important changes to how deliveries will work this year. Please review this information now and keep it as a reference throughout the season.

Deliveries this season will be on Mondays (Albany, Loudonville, OCFS/CCF and Greenville sites) and Thursdays (Delmar sites). However please note that **because of the Memorial Day holiday, Monday shares will start on a Tuesday!** So this year's deliveries will begin on **Tuesday, May 31st** and **Thursday, June 2nd**. The following week (June 6th) we will be back to a normal Monday and Thursday schedule. Any questions?

We are looking forward to a fantastic season. For the first time in years, we are caught up on planting and other critical field work – thanks in large part to the help of our new CSA intern Shelby and several CSA member workers. We've moved into the new field, the deer fencing is up, plants and seeds are in the ground and we've even gotten some weeding done!

The weather, as usual, has not been quite as helpful as our work crews. We had a cool and very wet April, which has set selected crops (peas, spinach and carrots) back by a couple of weeks. Because of this, our first shares likely will be a little light. No worries though – plants want to grow, and we expect them to catch up quickly. Members can look forward to a variety of favorite spring crops in June share boxes: lettuce, scallions, radishes, Bok choy, spinach, Swiss chard, broccoli and turnips. Fruit shares will start by late June with strawberries, raspberries and cherries, and flowers won't be far behind.

Please contact us with any questions at 966-8698 or mail@foxtailcommunityfarm.com. See you in June!

Eggs, Fruit, Flowers & More ...

Looking for extras to round out your share? Here's what's available this year:

Eggs – our former egg partner Mike Duncan has scaled back his egg production this year and established a larger local customer base. Thus unfortunately we can't offer egg shares at this time. Once our own flock gets going we again will offer eggs to members.

Fruit – wishing you had signed up for a fruit share? It's not too late to add one now. Want to “super size” your fruit share? You can purchase a double share for the whole season, or let us know if there are specific fruits you want to purchase in extra quantities.

Flowers – those who ordered flower shares will begin getting bunches around the beginning of July. Subject to availability, members also can order flowers on a week by week basis, or can come down to the farm for pick-your-own.

Preserves – we have a small quantity of jams and other preserves from last season that we'd love to move off our pantry shelves. Check the farm stand for availability and amazing discount prices! We'll list new products on-line as they become available.

Be sure to visit our on-line farm stand frequently throughout the season to see what's available:

www.foxtailcommunityfarm.com/FarmStand.html

Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ Saturday May 21 ~ May Spring Planting Day
- ◆ Tuesday May 31 ~ Deliveries begin for Albany, Loudonville, OCFS/CCF and Greenville sites
- ◆ Thursday June 2 ~ Deliveries begin for Delmar sites
- ◆ Saturday June 25 ~ Summer Solstice Celebration



2011 CSA Delivery Information

Delivery Basics:

- ☞ On your scheduled delivery day, go to your designated site and **pick up a share box and any extras you've ordered (fruit, flowers or special orders).**
Note: share boxes no longer will have individual member names on them. Instead, boxes will be tagged with a Foxtail emblem – blue for large shares, red for small shares. We will post lists at each site to remind everyone what they've signed up for!
- ☞ The next week (and every week) **bring back your empty box** and pick up a new full one in its place.
- ☞ Shares will be delivered **around 4:00 pm**. Please try to pick up your share by 7:00 pm to maintain freshness.
- ☞ **Do not throw away your delivery box!** These are special waxed boxes. Please remember to return each week.

If you cannot pick up your share...

- ☞ You can cancel your share with 24 hours notice (when feasible we will donate to a local food pantry.)
- ☞ You can have a friend pick it up for you
- ☞ If you haven't made any arrangements and have a last-minute problem, please contact your site host.

Monday Delivery Sites First Delivery: May 31st

Greenville

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

Site Host: Eric and Rachel de Long

Telephone: 966-8698

Email: mail@foxtailcommunityfarm.com

Shares on back porch

CSA Members: Bortoluzzi-Priggen, Fagan, Kelly, Lansing, Spring/Pisano

Albany

Where: 193 Euclid Ave, Albany

Site Host: Becky & Lee Stetzer

Telephone: 729-0114

Email: rebeccastetzer@yahoo.com

Shares inside rear screened porch

CSA Members: Albrecht-Fidler, Braglia, Cramer-Kucij, Gaudet, Jurkowski-Lefebvre, Stetzer, Wilhelm

Rensselaer (CCF/OCFS)

Where: 52 Washington St, Rensselaer

Site Host: Bob Frawley

Telephone: 473-3652

Email: bob.frawley@ccf.state.ny.us

Shares inside CCF entrance (call Bob for directions)

CSA Members: Belsito, Benson-Petratis, Frawley-McCabe, Fucci, Noyes-Grosser, Hamilton-Jones, Smith, Traina-Givner

Loudonville

Where: 20 Ross Court, Loudonville

Site Host: Phyllis Silver

Telephone: 436-7529

Email: phyllis.silver1@gmail.com

Shares in hallway between house and garage

CSA Members: Bradley, Chouffi, DeBerry, Dwyer, Fraley, Hutton, Lang, Russo, Ryan, Silver, Sturman, Volsky

Thursday Delivery Sites First Delivery: June 3rd

Delmar "A"

Where: 112 Adams Place, Delmar

Site Host: Mary Applegate & Charles Fisher

Telephone: 439-5419

Email: marysapplegate@hotmail.com

Share boxes inside screened porch

CSA Members: Applegate-Fisher, Baker, Berry/Volk, Blog-Zisman/Coley, Halpert, Kacica-Dudek, Mesmer-Kempf, Kuhn/Cohen, Monaco-Liberty, Moon/Kroopnick, Preller, Tucci-D'Alessio, Waniewski, Wieczorek

Delmar "B"

Where: 104 Adams Place, Delmar

Site Host: Kathy Witherspoon & Eric Hardiman

Telephone: 439- 4345

Email: klspoon@hotmail.com

Share boxes on front porch

CSA Members: Coombe, Witherspoon-Hardiman, Jaffe-Klein, Lynch, Mane, Manganello-Rulison, McCann, Quinlivan

Delmar "C"

Where: 177 Adams Street, Delmar

Site Host: Mary & Howard Glassman

Telephone: 475-1293

Email: mhtglassman@aol.com

Share boxes on front porch

CSA Members: Doyle, Glassman, Hartstein, Hodum/Beebe, Justice, Reilly, Sasso-McSharry

If you have any questions now or throughout the season, please contact us at:
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