



Notes From the Pea Patch

Foxtail Community Farm

May 16, 2010

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.** Please review this information now and keep it as a reference throughout the season.

Deliveries will begin on **Tuesday, June 1st** (Loudonville, OCFS/CCF and Greenville sites) and **Thursday, June 3rd** (Delmar sites). Please note that **because of the Memorial Day holiday, Monday shares will in fact start on a Tuesday.** The following week (June 7th) they will be back to Mondays. Let's hope that's not too confusing!

Record cold temperatures last week have stressed some of our crops, but generally things look good and there is plenty to look forward to in the early part of the CSA season. In the first few weeks, shares should include spinach, radishes, Bok choy, scallions, Swiss chard, mint and lettuce. Late June will bring peas, broccoli, beets, basil and parsley. Fruit shares will start mid to late June with strawberries - yum!

Quite a few members have already pitched in with planting and other spring tasks to fulfill their work commitments! We will continue to post work opportunities on the Web site, or come down any Tuesday between 8 am – noon.

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

*** * Farm Products Spring Sale * ***

We have a few items available from last season, which can be delivered with your first share. To see what's available and to place your order, visit our on-line Farm Stand at:

<http://www.foxtailcommunityfarm.com/FarmMarket.html>

Orders will be filled first-come, first-served.

BEST IN SHOW 2009



The long-awaited results of last year's end-of-season survey are revealed!

~ BEST ALL-AROUND VEGETABLE ~

Winner: (Tie) Sugar snap peas, Beets

Runner-up: (Tie) Broccoli, Eggplant, Lettuce, Carrots

~ BEST ALL-AROUND FRUIT ~

Winner: Raspberries

Runner-up: (Tie) Strawberries, Apples

~ VEGETABLE NEVER EATEN BEFORE ~ (at least one "no thank you" bite, please!)

Winner: Celeriac – only 2 said they didn't like it!

Runner-up: (Tie) Bok choy, Kohlrabi (a.k.a. "the other weird thing", "those freaky turnip things with multiple stalks sticking out of the top")

~ HARDEST TO FIND USES FOR ~

Winner: (Tie) Kohlrabi, Turnips/Rutabaga, Celeriac

Runner-up: Okra

~ MOST SURPRISED YOU LIKED ~ (try it try it, and you may!)

Winner: (Tie) Kohlrabi, Kale, Beets ("Beets! I do like them!")

Runner-up: (Tie) turnips, edamame, okra

It's fun to see the diversity of opinions among our members. Which will be your favorites in 2010?



2010 CSA Delivery Information

Delivery Basics:

- ☞ On your scheduled delivery day, go to your designated site and **pick up the share box** labeled with your name.
- ☞ 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 boxes!** These are special waxed boxes purchased especially for packaging your shares. Please remember to bring the empty boxes back each week (*\$5.00 replacement charge per box*).

If you cannot pick up your share...

- ☞ You can cancel your share for the week by calling or e-mailing us at least 24 hours prior to delivery. (Whenever 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: June 1st

Greenville

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

Site Host: Eric and Rachel de Long

Telephone: 966-8698

Email: mail@foxtailcommunityfarm.com

Share boxes on back porch

CSA Members: de Long, Kelly, Lansing, Ostoyich, Spring, Watkins

Rensselaer (CCF/OCFS)

Where: 52 Washington St, Rensselaer

Site Host: Bob Frawley

Telephone: 473-3652

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

Share boxes inside CCF entrance (call Bob if detailed directions needed).

CSA Members: Benson, Frawley, Fucci, Noyes-Grosser

Loudonville

Where: 20 Ross Court, Loudonville

Site Host: Phyllis Silver

Telephone: 436-7529

Email: psilver50@aol.com

Share boxes in hallway between house and garage

CSA Members: Chouffi, DeBerry, Dwyer, Hamilton-Jones, Hutton, Lang, Murphy/Morris, Russo, Ryan, Schwarz, Silver, Sturman, Volsky, Wilhelm

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, Berry/Volk, Blog-Zisman, Braglia, Halpert, Holstein/Kuhn, Kacica-Dudek, Kempf, Kroopnick-McCabe/Moon, Monaco-Liberty, Stainbrook, Tucci-Catalfamo, 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: Glassman, Mane, McCann, Shaw, Trophia-Cronlund, Witherspoon-Hardiman

Delmar "C"

Where: 34 Nathaniel Blvd, Delmar

Site Host: Caroline and Paul Barrett

Telephone: 475-1031

Email: cvbarrett@verizon.net

Share boxes on front porch

CSA Members: Barrett, Duvall, Jaffe-Klein, Manganello/Stetzer, Preller, Reilly, Sasso-McSharry

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

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