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Farm news

Although our sign-up sheets at the sites were running out of delivery dates, there's still four weeks to go. The last pick-up of this season is Tuesday, October 20, and Friday, October 23, to make our 20 weeks of harvesting complete. Of course, if you did reserve a winter storage share, be prepared to pick that share up the following week!

When we started our CSA in 2003, we used to deliver the shares in our station wagon – that was good until 2006, when we started to make deliveries with our pick-up truck. We retired the pick-up when we reached the 200-member size, and found our stepvan. But with a 400 member CSA, it is becoming a logistic challenge to fit in all that is ready to harvest. Some of your farm crew wager at times whether or not we need an additional vehicle to get the produce to the sites! However, we recently came across a rather nice medium duty cab-forward diesel truck. The price was right, so by next year we'll again have some space to spare (and, for the record, no more need for betting, either).

Talking about next year, we have finished our **2016 CSA proposal**, and it's at the printer at the time of this writing. Your 2016 membership form should arrive early next week by regular mail. As we sold out this year, this is the time to consider reserving a share for 2016. A small deposit will guarantee you another season of outstanding produce!

Farm Tour, Saturday, October 3 (rain date October 10). We invite you to come and see the farm in its fall splendor. Come at 10:00 for a cup of tea or coffee in the barn and mingle with your farmers and other CSA members. We'll walk the farm or take a hayride (weather dependent) starting at 10:30, to return to the barn an hour later. This is also a great opportunity for a meet-and-greet with Otoe, Johanna's horse! This event is a go when with some showers, however, if there's heavy rain, we'll postpone to October 10. ***Please check your email before coming out on Saturday morning to see if the tour is on (or not).***

Last call for garlic: If you still would like to stock up on garlic above and beyond the quantities that are part of your share, this week is the last chance to put in your order. Garlic is \$ 9.00 per pound, minimum order of 2 pounds. We will bring your garlic to the sites next week. Just send us a check with your payment, and we'll do the rest.

Update from the fields: It is fall crops galore – winter squash, onions, potatoes. The carrots, cabbage and beets are looking great, as do the late plantings of kale and chard. The last plantings of lettuce however are lagging a bit behind on our schedule – we'll see if this week's rain will help them along. Right now we can expect some rather nice shares to round off the season.

Enjoy this week's harvest,
Your farmers,

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In this week's full share:

Garlic, Potatoes, Onions

And in rotation:

Lettuce, Winter Squash, Pie Pumpkin, Cauliflower, Beans, Broccoli, Bell Pepper, Carmen Sweet Pepper, Hot pepper, Red Slicer Tomato, Swiss Chard, Kale and Spinach.

In the CSA U-Pick

garden: the U-pick is part of your CSA share – there's no additional charge.

Cilantro, Oregano, Thyme,
Chives, Sage, Parsley,
Leaf Fennel,
Dill, Marjoram, Basil,
Hot Pepper,
Cherry Tomatoes,
Shellies (fresh soup beans),
Soup Celery, Lemon Grass.

And flowers



Pictures: first page (top to bottom) CSA pick-up at the farm – Johanna and Otoo, the resident horse – Carnival squash. This page: The members of the Family Farm 4-H club hosted another 'from scratch' dinner for their family members at the farm, with almost all ingredients from their garden!

Directions to the farm: From Altamont: Follow Rte. 146 towards Gallupville. Approximately 10 miles out of Altamont, make a right on "Larry Hill". (*) Go up for ¼ mile (there is a blue sided house on your left). Just past the blue house, you'll find Fox Creek Farm Road on your left going in the woods. Follow is road to the end. From Rt. 443: Turn on 146 in Gallupville for approximately 2 miles. Make a left on "Larry Hill". Follow directions as above (starting at (*)).

From Schenectady: take Rt. 7 towards Duaneburg. At the light in Quaker Street, make a left on Darby Hill, then make your first right on Gallupville Road. When you cross the Schoharie/Schenectady County line, Gallupville Road turns into Larry Hill. Continue on Larry Hill until you can make a right on Fox Creek Farm Road. Follow to end (if you've gotten to Rt. 146 off Larry Hill, you have gone ¼ mile too far. Turn around and find Fox Creek Farm Road on your left).