



Dear CSA Shareholders:

*We had a pretty big week at the farm: lots of planting, plus the arrival of chicks has me jumping. The baby ducks keep growing and momma duck refuses to be fenced in; she always seems to find a way out and heads for the back lawn. The pasture grass is getting tall again and needs mowing, I have raspberry starts that should have been transplanted weeks ago, honey supers need to go on beehives, etc. If you've ever wondered about the saying "the work's never done on the farm" trust me it's true. It just takes admitting it and getting used to it never being done. Once you accomplish that you just do the most important stuff until you can't do any more, and dream of having children large enough to help not hinder.*

*So finally here's a box that looks the way I hoped they would! The strawberries really came on this week. The second patch is a week or so behind so we should have them for a few more weeks. The Broccoli is just starting, some of the 3/4 share folks may get smaller portions this week, but you will probably be sick of Broc after next week. A quick note on the Fresh Garlic: this is a little different than what you got the first week and was called green garlic. This is the same plant, but bigger now. The more usable part is the bulb, which will keep for a week or two, but should be kept in the fridge. I think this is my favorite way to eat garlic. It has great taste but isn't dried so it's not quite as overpoweringly strong. I grate or dice it into everything. There is nothing to peel like with normal dried garlic. The Snow Peas come courtesy of our neighbors Rob and Janet Krahmer. They are out of town and are proven (60+years) to be the best pea growers around. Enjoy, and I think we are officially out of the "greens only" early season boxes.*

Drew

## Produce this week:

<b>Strawberries</b>	Var. "Rainier" an improved Hood-type June bearing variety.
<b>Salad Greens</b>	This is a mix of several loose leaf and romaine lettuces plus some baby spinach and chard.
<b>Radish</b>	"Easter Egg Blend" A favorite from last year, my mom found these on the internet...
<b>Fresh Garlic</b>	These are fall planted red softneck garlic that needed to be thinned.
<b>Snap Peas/ Snow Peas</b>	Var. "Oregon Sugar Snap", "Oregon Giant". Eat whole pod
<b>Spinach</b>	Var. "Olympia" The classic NW spring/fall spinach.
<b>Broccoli</b>	Var "Packman" The standard commercial hybrid
<b>Turnip</b>	Var "Purple Top Globe"

A thought on the snow peas... sometimes we will snip them in bite-sized pieces and toss them in a salad that already has toasted pine nuts, tomatoes, red onion and feta cheese. It is a staple salad in our house and always gets raves.

One of my favorites this time of year has to be a spinach salad topped with strawberries.