



Dear CSA Shareholders:

Well, the cool weather was nice while it lasted....It is scorching here today and the gardens are loving it! All the warm weather transplants, like eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, and melons are putting on good dark green growth, starting to flower and look great. I guess they liked all the fish emulsion I've been feeding them. The first of the green beans are in flower and some should be ready next week, with wax beans, broad Italian, and French filet beans right behind them. I also have a surprise bean, something I'm trying for the first time that is growing really well and should be pretty cool....

Strawberries are officially tapped out, there are just a few teeny but VERY sweet ones left for my breakfast. I got a report of overripe and spilled strawberries in a CSA box last week—my apologies if it happened to anyone else. I need to rethink packaging for strawberries next year. However, we have now started the best of the berries—BLUES! This week's are from our next-door neighbors and their huge, ancient bushes. Each must throw 15-20 lbs each they are so big. I also took a walk to look at the blackberry crop—there's a ton and I am thinking of offering shareholders a couple of u-pick opportunities for them. Let me know if you are interested. Of course I will still pack small amounts in boxes for your enjoyment.

I hope that no one is getting sick of broccoli or beets. They are two of my favorites and I see now that I planted a little too much of both. Broccoli should be done soon, especially as cabbage and cauliflower are just about ready now, too. I have lots and lots of beets, though. Anyway let me know if you're done with either.

Enjoy the weather, and don't forget sunscreen! I got stuck in Portland traffic last week in my AC-less truck and my whole left side got overcooked. Don't think I've had a bad sunburn since I was a kid. It is starting to feel like it will be a consistently hot summer from here on out, although I'm probably jinxing it by saying it out loud. Oh well,

Drew

Produce this week:

- Blueberries** Courtesy of Rob and Janet Krahmer, variety unknown
- Head Lettuce** These are the same lettuces you've been eating all season, but now they are all grown up!
- Broccoli** Var. "Packman" Hope your not sick of broc yet—let me know if your family will eat more I have lots
- Potatoes** Var. "Red Pontiac" Had to dig these now before the gophers do.
- Snap Peas** Var. "Oregon Sugar Snap" Eat whole pod or shell peas as you prefer.
- Pie Cherry** Var. Unknown
- Cabbage** Round type—"Danish Ballhead" . Pointy kind—my friend who started these doesn't keep good records....