



Dear CSA Shareholders:

*As I write this Tuesday morning we are expecting rain for the first time in what seems like a couple of months. It kind of misted for a few minutes last Tuesday but the weatherman says rain for real today. It'll be a nice change; an opportunity to get caught up on inside work. The barn is a complete mess and I hope to pick up out there some this afternoon. The rain will be good for some things like lettuce, the spinach I planted a while ago that is all woody and not very good, and the pastures. The sheep and goats here have been looking longingly at the other side of the fence for a month or so. The rain will not be so great for a lot of the things you all might care about like squashes, melons and tomatoes. One of the great things about growing all of these in a climate with a dry summer is the absence of powdery mildew, a fungus which is hard on big broad-leaved plants like squash. Hopefully it will just rain tonight and dry out well tomorrow. I am already planning on spending a few hours later in the week removing all the mildew damaged leaves to keep it from spreading as much as possible. The squashes and melons have been growing by leaps and bounds, there is lots of little baby watermelon and muskmelon plus a few of the honeydew and cantaloupe are already showing fruit. I am pretty sure that there will be plenty of summer squash for all shareholders this week, but can't be sure you'll all get the same kinds. I will keep a note of what you get this week so that I can give you a different squash next week—I know that I get sick of Zucchini after a week or two. We still need some good warm weather to ripen enough tomatoes and peppers. I remember last year someone wanted some green tomatoes. If any of you are interested or have a good recipe let me know and I will include some next week.*

*It's Wednesday morning now; a very busy day on Granger Ave. Cody is here sheering sheep, the kids and I are packing boxes, while the neighbors hay field is getting baled. Lots of noise and dust, that last part. I had to change this newsletter a little after finding the cucumbers and patty pan squash. There will be plenty of both real soon, plus spaghetti squash, sweetmeat squash, and I just found a bunch of yellow wax beans but there's no time to pick them now! Enjoy!*

Drew

### Produce this week:

<b>Blueberries</b>	Var. "Chandler" from Chandlers teeny u-pick on Elliott in Lewisburg
<b>Green Beans</b>	Var. "Blue Lake Bush" The standard for fresh eating beans
<b>Carrots</b>	Var "Tendersweet"
<b>Potatoes</b>	Var "Yukon Gold" and "red Pontiac" Full shareholders only this week
<b>Summer Squash</b>	4 Varieties: "Yellow Crookneck" "Patty Pan", "Cocozele" Zucchini and Yellow straight
<b>Beets</b>	Var. "Ruby Queen", also a few "Cylindra" which are barrel-shaped which is great for canning. If you get on of these let me know what you think. I may grow more in the future.
<b>Cucumber</b>	Var. "Sweeter Yet" Just enough for full shares, there'll be tons next week.