



Dear CSA Shareholders:

Summertime and the eatin's easy...I've been living on green beans for a couple of weeks now. Good for you and quick and easy to prepare. I have some new summer veggies for you now as things really start to boom. The little bit of cool weather was nice last week, and didn't cause any significant problems in the garden. Warm weather is really what is called for; I have so many tomatoes that just need a few days of full sun to ripen up well. Anyway there are a few new things this week: I have a sweet pepper for you, one of my favorites called "Gypsy". Use it as you would any pepper, cooked or raw. Lots of different peppers coming up: Jalapeno, Anaheim, bell peppers, etc.. I was surprised to find quite a few of the Asian type eggplant. I think these plants may have been stressed earlier in the spring and so they set fruit a little early. I have the normal Italian style eggplant too, but they are just starting to show as little nubbins. I also have the most anticipated fruit around here each year which is blackberries. Rowan especially loves them and I have been telling him that they are not ready since march so at least I don't have to answer that question anymore. Although the trade off is that he eats so much he gets a bellyache and he seems to end up wearing as many as he eats... I don't think Samantha (age 9 months) has tried them yet but by the way she loved the blueberries I bet blacks are a hit also. I want to extend an offer of u-pick blackberries for shareholders, also. There will be no additional charge for them if you want them, and there is no way that they all could ever be picked. Please just let me know if you'd like to come out. Mornings are usually best since they are in the direct sun which can be pretty hot in the afternoon.

Looking forward I also am getting ready for apples. I think that the "Liberties" will be able to go out next week, with a few other varieties after them. We will start pressing cider around the end of this month, and I always like to ask around for clean jars and bottles if you have them. Plastic juice jugs are great. I will get a date scheduled for a cider pressing party, maybe in early September. Also a couple of practical notes: billing statements for second payments will go out next week, and PLEASE return the boxes. I don't have enough this week and would rather not buy more. Thanks!

Drew

Produce this week:

Blackberries	These are from our huge hedge of wild "Himalaya" berries
Fresh Beans	Vars. "Romano Gold", "French Filet", "Burgundy" and "Cherokee"
Carrots	Var "Tendersweet"
Sweet Pepper	Var "Gypsy" A pale skinned cool-weather variety, this is always the earliest pepper in my garden
Summer Squash	4 Varieties: "Yellow Crookneck" "Patty Pan", "Cocozelle" Zucchini and Yellow straight
Tomatoes	Var. "Siletz" This is the earliest beefsteak variety that I can get to ripen here. Only enough for full shares this week, but should be lots of tomatoes next week.
Eggplant	Var. "Asian Long" This is a great variety for stir fries.
Cucumber	Var. "Sweeter Yet" Just enough for full shares, there'll be tons next week.