



Dear CSA Shareholders:

I am so glad that its hot! I have been waiting with a little trepidation for months now to see if we would get the really warm summer that we need to grow good melons without coldframes. I won't say it (or even write it) but I'm feeling lucky with the forecast I saw this morning. I know that the canteloupe should be close enough to at least try one tomorrow, and while weeding Monday I was really happy with the amount of large, ripening honeydew, watermelon (two kinds), and charentais muskmelon. I also have a lot of a new yellow melon called "Minnesota midget" that have a ways to go. As I write this Tuesday night I know for sure there are plenty of Tomatoes and we may dig potatoes. The last planting should be dug next week at the latest.

I have one little problem with the Tomatoes; a friend with a big greenhouse started most of the seeds for me this year, which ws a huge help. The problem is that she didn't do a very good job of labeling them and so I have about 80 plants that I don't really know the variety of. I have a record of which seeds I purchased but not a description of each variety, so I will try and let you know which you get but can't promise anything.

We had a new addition in the barnyard last night. Daisy, the matriarch of the little goat herd, had a cute little all white buck. Rowan named him "Loudy" after hearing him when I picked him up to be petted. There is another two does due to kid in the next month or so, and for some crazy reason I am still planning on milking this fall. If anyone is interested in raw, unpasteurized goat milk just let me know. I have a neighbor who has offered to help with milking so I think we will give it a go again after a year off.

Wednesday now, and I have bad news—the "crew" I sent to pick blackberries did a great job. The only problem is that they picked into the (clearly labeled) fertilizer bucket! I don't have time to pick more for Wednesday shareholders and since I figure you don't want berries that taste like fish emulsion I won't have enough for ¾ shares. I will make it up next week. Sorry.

Drew

Produce this week:

Blackberries	These are from our huge hedge of wild "Himalaya" berries
Fresh Beans	Vars. "French Filet", "Burgundy" and "Cherokee Wax"
Apples	Var "Liberty", possibly some green "Chehalis"
Red Potatoes	Var. "Pontiac" Last of the red potatoes for this year—the field mice (voles) are starting to get into the beds.
Summer Squash	4 Varieties: "Yellow Crookneck" "Patty Pan", "Cocozelle" Zucchini and Yellow straight
Tomatoes	Var. "Early Girl", "Siletz" "Legend" "Sweet Million"
Fresh Basil	Var. "Italian Sweet". You have to eat this with fresh tomatoes and Mozarella, since it's one of the best things about summer.
Cucumber	Var. "Sweeter Yet" Just enough for full shares, there'll be tons next week.