



Dear CSA Shareholders:

There is an awful lot of stuff for you this week, I really hope that it's not too much. In the past I've heard complaints about other CSA's that sometimes its just too much stuff. Please let me know if that is true for you. The good side of course is that it all looks really good. The harvest crew was pretty amazed by the amount of melons and tomatoes. I still have a couple of kinds of melons that we haven't put out yet, you should expect HUGE honeydews next week and watermelons the following week. This will be the last week for cantaloupe, and the muskmelons probably have another week or so.

Mark L. brought by some beautiful grapes and Asian Pears. He offered to search his records for the names of the varieties, but I know he's as busy as I am and the important thing seems to be that they all taste great. I managed to search my records for the names of the heirloom tomato varieties. The greenish yellow (kind of ugly to be honest but tasty) one is called "Aunt Ruby's German Green". The pinkish one is called "Caspian Pink" and gave me my record 3.5 lb tomato two weeks ago. The Yellow with green striping is called "Lillian Yellow Heirloom", and the solid yellow one is "Dixie Golden Giant". Everyone got yellow cherry types this week. The pear shaped one is "Yellow Pear" and the round yellow cherry is called "Lemon Drop". I hope you enjoy them, and again, sorry if the portions are too big.

Also I have a couple of reminders. I really could use any clean plastic or glass jugs anyone might have for cider. The kids and I did a small pressing last week to work out the bugs and get ready for some bigger pressings, but I still don't have nearly enough jugs for everyone. Lastly, I've had a few questions about how much longer the season runs. The last week of boxes will be Wednesday October 29th or Saturday Nov 1. Hard to imagine it's the middle of September, and I have to admit I am looking forward to the light at the end of the tunnel that is my harvest season. It is so much fun harvesting and getting stuff to you all, but it is a lot of work. Thanks a ton to Alice K. and Tim D. for all the help the last few weeks, I couldn't have done it all alone.

Drew

Produce this week:

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| Fresh Beans | Var. "Burgundy" and "romano Gold. Only enough for full shares this week, lots coming next week plus snap peas. |
| Beets | Var "Golden" great color and taste |
| Grapes | Variety Unknown, two kinds one is a "concord" type |
| Peppers | Var "Gypsy" wax pepper, Still waiting on red and yellow peppers to fully ripen... |
| Tomatoes | Varities described at right. Anyone who wants more tomatoes just say the word there are tons. |
| Asian Pears | Var. Unknown, but really good. |
| Muakmelon | Var. "Charentais" I think this is the best tasting orange-fleshed melon ever. |
| Cucumber | Var. "Lemon Cucumber" which is roundish and yellow or white |
| Cantaloupe | Var. "Minnesota Midget" a single serving size melon with great taste, also full shares will get a Variety called "Ambrosia" |