

Schreiber & Sons CSA

It's a Culinary Adventure

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Quantity of Produce. Each year we receive a few inquiries at the beginning of the season about the smaller amount of produce in the small shares. First, the amount of produce is less than we would normally expect to be providing you. This is due to the cold weather. Do not think you are missing out on the produce; it is just delayed. Trust me, it is coming. The cold weather is going to compress the season and before too long you will be receiving more produce. Second, small shares receive half the amount of a medium share and a quarter of the amount of the large share. We manage portion share two ways, by using smaller portions and reducing diversity. Small shares will not always have everything that the medium and large shares receive.

Memorial Day Weekend Farm Party. We have attached the invitation to this weekend's Farm Party. It looks like the weather is going to be excellent. We are picking up the pig later today. If you want to see how the farm works, show your kids where the produce is coming from, see farm equipment, see the Giant Pumpkins or just have a nice and relaxing time, come to the farm. We would like you to RSVP, but that is not a requirement. If you do come to the party, bring a side dish that is proportional for the number of people you are bringing. You will be on a farm and it is likely your kids will come in contact with dirt...

The Washington State Diet. We have three individuals, one couple and one family of three that have either expressed a willingness or are seriously considering attempting the Washington State Diet! This is pretty exciting. I think we need to propose something like a June 1-15 time frame as a start date. If you are serious about trying the Washington State Diet, let me know. We need to have a meeting or a teleconference to go over the details. There have to be some rules. We need to allow certain out of state items such as salt and pepper or spices, we need to allow an exemption for special cases such as soy milk in lieu of dairy if someone is allergic to milk and for those who just cannot stand the thought of living without a particular item (e.g. chocolate), we need to have some kind of compassion exemption. When you travel or attend family or special events you can be exempt. If you want to try the Washington State Diet it is close to the time to fish or cut bait.

You would have to write about your experience, preferably on a blog that we know about, such as <http://www.joiedevivreanamateurgourmetsguide.blogspot.com>. This is easier than it sounds and we can help get you started. In return for doing this, we would provide you with extra vegetables, some meat and some other items from Washington. I suspect that we can get some other commodity groups and other ag businesses to contribute to your effort. Also, I think there is likely to be some press and some attention if you try this. If you want to be kept out of the limelight we can also arrange that.

Box Return. First this will start off with a reminder that we would like you to return your box, flattened, each week. By reusing the boxes this helps us to keep the cost of the program low and this translates into a better deal for you. Here is the list of boxes that we had returned this week:

Organic Tuesdays-	Boxes Sent Out	Boxes Received
Smalls:	81	92
Mediums:	55	44
Large:	11	9
Total:	147	145

Conventional Thursday:	Boxes Sent Out	Boxes Received
Small:	185	55
Mediums:	97	25
Large:	10	6
Total:	292	86

Pick Up Site Etiquette. Do not block the driveway of pick up site and their neighbors. Be thoughtful at the pick up site, for example, stack the return boxes neatly or if you see errant box sheets on the ground, pick them up. Bring back your boxes. Only take a box from the Will Call area if it has your name on it.

Choice Box. At each pick up site you will notice a colored plastic lug. This is the Choice Box. If there is something in your box that is not to your liking you may exchange it for an item in the Choice Box. Please be conscientious with portion amounts. for example one bag of salad mix does not equal 3 bundles of asparagus.

The Giant Pumpkin Caper. Currently we have 34 pumpkins assigned to families. The pumpkins are being transplanted in to the field today. Very exciting. If you come to the farm party this weekend, you can pick out your pumpkin and get your name on it. We have some extra pumpkins so if a family has more than one child, we can accomodate you. (It is your responsibility to transport the pumpkin home, so be thinking about whether you want 2 or 3 pumpkins that are 200, 300 or 400 pounds. Bear in mind that there is no guarantee that your pumpkin will get really huge-sometimes the plant dies or the pumpkin splits out or develops a rotten spot. We have grown the pumpkins for three years and the last two years we have grown some pretty large pumpkins without trying to hard. If you want to put some effort into to it, I am sure you can get a pretty big pumpkin.

Your Farmer

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