

Schreiber & Sons CSA

It's a Culinary Adventure

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In your box this week, you should expect:

- Asparagus
- Salad mix
- Lentils
- Spinach
- Sweet onions (Walla Walla sweet onions, grown in Franklin County)
- Radishes
- Chickpeas
- Thyme

What's Going On At The Farm. The @\$#%&(_) weather is what is going on at the farm. A week ago today we had one of the worst wind storms that we have had at the farm since we started (1999). While I do not want to complain, this weather has been absolutely horrible. The wind storm on Monday took out 2.5 acres of eggplant. If we were to harvest 900 boxes an acre at \$10 a box, that is \$9,000 an acre loss. We cannot recover from that because there are no eggplants that we can transplant. The wind also destroyed the asparagus. And then it frosted at the farm on Wednesday. To recover from that you have to go in and cut every single spear of asparagus that is above the ground to get the asparagus crowns to start growing again. The combination of the wind and the cold weather has kept us from harvesting asparagus for a week. That is the longest we have ever been out of harvest. Cumulatively, this weather will cost the greater Washington asparagus industry 5 to 10% of its annual production. Bummer for us, bigger bummer for the asparagus industry.

This weather has just been terrible and staggeringly expensive. I see in the forecast that Monday is the last cool day of the season and it is warming up. Give me five days and I will be complaining about it being too hot.

So what does this mean for you the CSA members-besides listening to me whine. (What do you call a group of farmers in a basement? A w(h)ine cellar). ha ha ha ha.

Everyone is going to get asparagus, but less than we had planned, so your asparagus rations have been cut. Also, it has slowed the growth of your crops, so you will either be getting smaller portions of a couple of items and your receipt of some crops will be delayed over the next two to three weeks.

Add Ons.

The deadline for add-ons, starting Friday, May 14th, is 7AM every Friday.

To place your order for beef, bread/bagels, flour or eggs, email the office; we will confirm your order by email. Orders can be made on a week-by-week basis or you can request a product, eggs for example, included in your box on a regular schedule.

Some items require a minimum volume per purchase, minimum orders are as follows:

- Eggs – One dozen per order; this is on a limited basis. We only have access to 40 to 50 dozen free range eggs per week.
- Flour – One five pound sack.
- Bread - one loaf; bagels - one dozen - The diversity of breads we have access to is stunning. I can personally attest to how awesome they are. Bread deliveries start next week, on May 18th for organic and May 20th for conventional.
- Beef – somewhere in the five pound range. The beef comes from a farm in Benton County, cannot get much more local than that. It is cut up at a locker in Basin City. The current inventory of beef is organic. Once this meat is gone, it will no longer be organic as the livestock operation is no longer going to be certified organic. The beef will be grass fed, just the feedstocks the animals are feed are no longer certified organic.

Train Your Men/Husbands. I know this sounds sexist, but..... a lot of the problems we have is with husbands, boyfriends, partners picking up or returning boxes and not following proper procedures. As a man and husband, I want to point out that THIS IS NOT THEIR FAULT. They have not been trained by the instruction givers. If someone is picking up your box (he or she, young or old) make sure they are trained on the ways of the CSA.

Prices.

Eggs cost \$4.25 per dozen

The flour is \$5 for a five pound bag

Beef is a little more complicated. The hamburger and roasts are \$6 a pound. The steaks are \$8 a pound. The hamburger comes in 1 pound packages. The steaks are two per package and the roast's weight are dependent on the cut of the meat. Someone asked for lean cuts of meat. In

general this meat is very lean due to its organic diet which is heavily based on grass and fodder, but the leanest cut of meat is supposed to sirloin steak.

Inventory of organic beef

Ground beef		142
Bottom Round		4
Top Round		9
Sirloin tip steak		5
Sirloin steak		4
Beef tenderloin steak		1
Round steak		9
Beef Rib steak		3
Chuck roast		1
Rump roast		2
T-bone steak		13
Soup bones		10

If you order some other kind of meat, we will throw in the soup bones for free.

Buhrmeister Bakery		Retail price
Brioche Braid		\$4.95
California sour Round		\$4.50
California sour deli		\$4.50
Dark rye		\$4.50
Light rye		\$4.50
Marble rye hand		\$4.95
Marble rye deli		\$4.95
Caraway rye deli		\$4.50
Olive Garlic hand		\$4.50
Pilgrim wheat hand		\$4.50
Pilgrim wheat deli		\$4.50
Pumpernickel round		\$4.50
Black forest pumpernickel round		\$4.95
Rosemary Parmesean Pan		\$4.95
Sicilian hand		\$4.50

Sicilian deli		\$4.50
Walnut raisin pan		\$4.95
Walnut raisin Hand		\$4.95
7-grain hand		\$4.50
7-grain deli		\$4.50
Jalapeno pan		\$4.95
Kalamata Olive pan		\$4.95
Bagels-4 pack		All are \$3.95
Plain		
Apple cider		
Sun dried Tomato		
Jalapeno		
7-grain		

Choice.

If you have subscribed to the Choice Option, send us an email telling us what changes you want--this is new to us so bear with us while we work the bugs out of this system.

You can request substitution for products that you are already getting or from the list of new products below.

- rhubarb
- garbanzo beans
- lentils
- mint
- sage
- sweet onions
- arugula
- cress

If you have questions, let us know.

Regards

Your Farmer

Alan Schreiber

