

Schreiber & Sons CSA

It's a Culinary Adventure

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Hello CSAers,

The Weather. Yes, the weather has been warmer but the nights are still in the mid to upper thirties. This keeps the soil temperatures lower than normal, which is critical to get our seeds to germinate. The most cold tolerant crops are starting to germinate-the kales, arugula, etc. Crops requiring warmer weather, such as carrots, have not germinated yet. It has been too cool. We estimate that we are a week behind last year and last year we were a week behind normal. All of this puts us about two weeks behind. It is very frustrating and depressing. Which leads me to my next topic.

The First Delivery. All along I had planned to have the first delivery the first week of May (the 5th and the 7th). That is only 25 days from now. I am in a fierce race with time and temperature, so far we are losing. It will be like a personal failure if we do not make this deadline, but unfortunately, we do not control everything. This is one of the challenges of farming, you are at the mercy of so many things you cannot control (temperature, wind, rain, etc). Our members needs to be patient and stay tuned for when we are going to start. Barring a freeze the latest we would start would be the second week of May.

Planting. This week we planted the blueberries and blackberries-very exciting as well as planting lots and lots of seed. Tomorrow we are starting to put out our transplants... bok choy, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, radicchio, squash, Swiss chard and onions. Next week we will transplant squash, eggplant, strawberries and who knows what else...that is a long time from now.

CSA Events. On May 9th (a Saturday) at 3:00 pm we are going to have a Scout (Girl and Boy)/kids tour at the farm. We will have a tractor pulling a trailer tour the farm. After or during the tour we will pick some vegetables. Around 5:00 pm, we will grill hot dogs over a bon fire of tree and grape prunings. This is open to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and to all kids. We would like a head count so send us an RSVP if you can. Of course we expect that anyone bringing children will be responsible for whomever they bring. Also, you should expect that your kids will come home with some dirt they did not come to the farm with.

On May 24th (a Sunday) we will have a big CSA Farm Party.

There is never a fee for CSA events at the farm.

CSA Rules. Attached is set of what we call CSA rules. They are revised and updated from two weeks ago.

Pick up time. We are working on the pick up times and will send them out to you no later than next Friday.

L.O.C.A.L. I am putting together a very informal group that serves as an advisory board for the CSA. I call them the *League of Culinary Adventurers, Limited* or the LOCAL group. A few of you have signed up for this, but if more of you are interested there are a few slots open. This group never meets and all interaction is by email. I sent you questions or situations and you respond back with your thoughts. Like I said, this is an informal but valuable group. If you want to respond directly to me, do so at aschreib@centurytel.net

Your Farmer

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A picture of transplants this week in the greenhouse.



