

# Schreiber & Sons CSA

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Hello CSAers,

It is cold and blustery outside, but inside we are gearing up for planting. Believe it or not, we will have most of our seed in hand by the end of this week and we start planting next week. Our first plantings will for the greenhouse and mid March we will start planting in the fields. We estimate that before this growing season is over we will have planted more than 600,000 seeds..... it kind of makes us dizzy thinking about it.

No promises on this, but as of yet, we have about 280 different crop/variety combinations lined up to go into your boxes... it is quite likely that a variety or two or three or four or five or more may not pan out, seed may not be available, we may lose it to disease or insects or some other kind of problem. But if you throw in the test varieties we are planting, it is likely that we will have 280 or more different kinds of things for you try.

We had some urging from some members that we increase the amount of fruit in the boxes and decrease the amount of unusual items. We plan to do both of these things, but we plan to include a certain portion of items that are different or hard to obtain in the Tri-Cities.

One of the most fun things are the test varieties; a carrot called Purple Haze (a purple colored carrot), an Armenian cucumber, a crop most people have not heard of called ground cherry or Physalia-I had it in France it is pretty good, an Iranian friend asked me to grow something called Persian garden cress, a winter squash called Long Island Cheese and on and on and on, we have about 100 test varieties. We may find that a half dozen or so may be worth including in next year's planting programs.

I cannot wait to start planting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

You will receive a 6% discount for payment in full by March 1, a 4% discount for payment by May 1 or you can pay 50% by May 1 and the remaining 50% by July 1. No refunds will be given after July 1, 2009.

If we get your payment by March 1 or close to that time, you will receive the discount.