

# Schreiber & Sons CSA

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Hello CSAers,

The special thing about the first week of March is that we start planting; yes, it is still freezing at night, but inside the greenhouse it is toasty warm. We put a new roof on the greenhouse that has higher insulation value which is supposed to result in us using less propane. It is a balmy 75 degrees in there, so we are planting. This week we have planted green, red, chocolate, purple, orange, white and yellow bell peppers, cabbages, radicchio, bok choy, chard and cauliflower. So far we have about 5,000 seeds planted (only a half million left to go)!

Even though it is so cold right now, some of the very cold hardy crops are starting to grow. As I was walking through the fields I noticed last year's arugula was growing like weeds. The little garlic cloves are starting to send up shoots. We are a little over a month away from asparagus harvest.

Unfortunately for us, March is predicted to be cooler than usual. This means that our plantings are going to be delayed and the growth of what we do plant outside will be delayed. The key to the timing of the start of the CSA will be temperatures in April. We are going to start the first week of May, unless it is warm in April and then we could start a week early.

**Space Available.** We still have medium and large shares of conventional and organic shares available. Schreiber & Sons CSA does not really advertise, although we are thinking about putting a small ad in the Tri-Cities Herald. Virtually all of our customers come to us via word of mouth. So if you know someone who might like to be a member of the CSA, forward them this email with the attached brochure.

**Kids Farm Tour.** Sometime in mid-May we are going to host a farm tour for some Boy Scouts and some children of a CSA member. If you are interesting in having your children tour the farm, plan to come on the tour. The exact day has not been scheduled. May is a good time to visit the farm because the farm looks really, really good-mostly because the weeds have not taken over. Also, we are just starting to harvest crops and the produce seems really tasty, maybe because its spring and has not been real hot, maybe just because we are just so starved for fresh produce. When we do these tours you just cannot help but eat the produce right from the field... radishes, turnips, carrots, baby onions, lettuces and so on. It really is a good experience for kids.

**The First CSA Event Has Been Scheduled.**

Schreiber & Sons CSA will hold its Spring Farm Event on May 24—yes, I know it is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, but that is the day we can fit the event in. Every other day the farm is working and it gets too complicated to hold the event. Stay tuned for more information on this event.