

Schreiber & Sons

It's a Culinary Adventure

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Week 20 - Week of September 15th

1. Carrots
2. Asian pears - small shares
3. Potato
4. Pepper, bell - colorful medley
5. Pepper, hot - Rio de Oro (River of Gold)
6. Cucumbers
7. Apples - Gala
8. Herbs - thyme and parsley - small shares shares
9. Melon medley - small shares 1 melon, medium shares 2 melons, large share 3 melons
10. Tomatoes -
11. Green onions - medium and large shares
12. Table grapes
13. Cilantro
14. Leaf Lettuce - green
15. Tomatilloes - medium and large shares
16. Eggplant
17. Squash -- small shares
18. Farmer's Choice

All conventional produce is conventional, all the organic produce is organic except for the Asian pear, grapes and apples.

Fall Farm Party. We never took a count of how many people were at the farm party on Sunday, but it was more than 150. Most of the attendees were CSA members. We had invited folks on the waiting list and quite a few wait listers attended. We had also invited some friends and neighbors. It was a little chaotic at times and not everyone was able to make the tours but it seemed to be a very good time. It is always hard for us to estimate how much meat to provide..... we estimated that if had 8 ounces of poultry per person (that would include bones, etc), that should be sufficient. We got 85 pounds of turkey, duck, chicken and game hens, supposedly enough for 170 people. At the end the party (around 9:30), I was cleaning up and was a little hungry so I wandered over to the meat and all I could find was one turkey leg with a little meat left on the bone and a couple of loose little scraps of meat in the bottom of the pan! We had

some good food too. There were some interesting food items. Someone brought cucumber sandwiches filled with pine nuts and feta cheese. Quite different, but good.

We had a really good time at the party and hope those who attended did so as well. Having these farm parties are important to us. We do not get to see or meet most of you and it is important for us to connect with you and for you to see the farm. Tanya and I have had these farm parties for a few years prior to the CSA and we invited our friends and neighbors over. We love the farm and we like getting together with people we enjoy. Family, friends, farm and food go together very well. *We were too busy to take any pictures--if you have some pictures from the party (e.g. Tyler), let us know.*

As the CSA has grown, we have realized that the two of us cannot put on these farm parties by ourselves anymore **and we always appreciate volunteers!**

Special Thanks. Dan Doescher, a CSA member, came out early and single handedly took responsibility for cooking the 85 pounds of mixed poultry, including seasonings, BBQ saucing and preparing the cooked meat. He also brought a small barrel of root beer for the kids. I am not sure what we would have done without him. Thanks to Dan!!!

A Later Fall Party. We have one more pile of prunings and brush to burn! I love a good fire. We are thinking about having another, smaller Fall Farm Party to accomodate some of you that could not make this one. We are not sure of the date, but I suspect in October, we will have another farm party that will be smaller than this past Sunday. So if you missed this one, you have another chance.

Fall is Falling. Although the weather forecast for the next few days says it will be quite summer-like, I can assure you that fall is coming. The day length is getting shorter, the nights are getting cooler. We are losing degree days and **the opportunity** for growing crops. This is week 20 of the CSA--there are 10 may be 11 weeks left, assuming the weather cooperates. Soon you will see the diversity in the boxes start to decline. By the end of October, you will be happy to have half this much in your boxes. We still have a number of items you have not seen yet... winter squashes, pumpkins, parsnips, gourds, leeks, etc.

We are starting to think about the end of the season. We have planned to go to the third week of November--but that **really** depends on the weather and our supply of crops. If we get a frost in mid-October, the season will end early. If we do not get really cold weather until early November, we are in good shape.

It may be hard to believe but we are still planting for this year. On Saturday we planted radishes and a few other late, cool season crops. So stick with us, there is lots and lots to come.

This Week's Produce. At the Fall Farm Party we passed around a sheet of paper and asked folks what their favorite and least favorite items of produce were. Interestingly, the most commonly mentioned items of produce were melons, eggplant and leafy greens/salads. Two of the least favorite items were eggplant and leafy greens or salads. I wonder how to respond to that. One way we are going to respond to that is this..... we added eggplant and green leaf lettuce in this week's box.

Your Farmer

Alan Schreiber