

Guldan Family Farm



NOTES FROM THE FARM

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This week's share... Our best guess

Some old and some new items to the list this week, with more new on the way! Salad season is still around, so take advantage of it while you can.

On the returning side of the spectrum.... Kohlrabi, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, and PEAS! It's looking like everyone will have some snap peas, Full shares will likely also have some shelling peas.

New this week - Broccoli! Did you know that there are different colors of broccoli varieties? Most folks think only green, but it comes in many shades. We tried a new early variety this year called Blue Wind, which actually has a yellowish tint. Our other early variety is called Green Magic... it's green.

Also new is Napa Cabbage, it's that frilly thing with green leaves and whitish ribs. It is fantastic chopped up and added to soups or sautéed in an Asian style.

Full share members will also find some kale and radishes in their totes this week. Reminder that snap peas have thicker edible pods.

The Jam selection for week members is Mulberry. *Enjoy!*

WEEK 5: LET THERE BE VEGGIES!

A little warmth... that's all it took. As you'll notice on the left side, there is finally some veggies to be had aside from lettuce! It never ceases to amaze me how quick things can turn around in a particular planting... flat pea pods can go to perfect size in 48 hours if the weather is right. To be honest, I was struggling with what to include this week. There are so many items that just arrived in season, but I have to take into account what can keep in the field without being picked (beets and kale), and what absolutely must be harvested (Napa and Broccoli). On that note, there will be many other new items in next week's shares as well.

As predicted, the deer found the melons last week on Monday, so Dad and I put that fence up. The Deer ran through it on Tuesday and Thursday, so it was fixed on Wednesday and Friday. The sweet corn fence was also put up Wednesday evening to keep the raccoons out. What's the difference? A deer fence requires one wire about 1.5 feet of the ground, and another at the top of the fence post - about 3 feet. Deer will run through it a couple times till they figure out it's there, at which point, they usually respect the boundary. Raccoon fences involve 2 or 3 wires 3 apart from each other on the bottom, and a fencer that delivers 4 times the juice. We ground the middle wire to ensure a good zap. Unlike deer, raccoons will continually test the fence and often gladly trade a hefty jolt for a meal of our corn.

Dad continues to plant sweet corn each week or so, and the final planting of peas was seeded last week (to hopefully be ready mid August). We continually put in new plants/seeds each week through most of July and early August to ensure that we have a continual supply of veggies, otherwise peas, sweet corn, and much more would be done in a week! On another interesting side note, The transplanter decided to break last week as well. And by break, I mean that the bolt holding on the 3 point hitch of the tractor sheered (while I was on it) and dropped straight to the ground while we were planting cucumbers. Thankfully I didn't lose any limbs, and Dad and I were able to fix it without too much profanity involved.

Would you like a better idea of what all is going on at our farm? I'm in the planning stages of a July 16th farm tour! At this point there's a 95% chance that this'll work out, but I still have to knock out 1 or 2 kinds before I officially put it out there. So... tentatively mark your calendar for the afternoon of Sunday, July 16th for a glimpse of a what we do :)

Have a great week! -The Guldans

