



Sprouting Acres Spring Newsletter

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Lettuce
Winter Squash
Spinach
Garlic
Green Pepper Relish
Yellow Onions
Red Onions
Thyme
Sage
Yellow Potatoes
Sweet Peppers(in bag)
Shallot



Welcome to week 20 of your Sprouting Acres CSA. This is the last week of the CSA season. With such a wet and crummy season, we are happy to have ended the last few weeks with some nice veggies. The spinach sized up enough for this week and we have some smaller lettuce heads as well that are quite tasty.

We are getting tomato cages and trellises taken down and pulling in drip irrigation lines. We are sealing up hoopouses to keep them warmer in the winter and putting away equipment that we are done using. We also got our pizza oven roof structure built this week and roof on. We really wanted the whole cement slab covered so if there is a bad weather day we can still use the oven or grill. We are using 4x4's and old beams from the corn crib we took down on the structure as well.

We've had a crazy weather year but we pulled through and finished another CSA season. We learned a lot from this season and hope to improve some techniques and practices to help us get through a challenging season. We know we can't always rely on the tractor to get the weeding done, especially when the tractor can't drive in the mud. We may use a little more plastic ground cover to keep the weeds down on some longer season crops and try to kill some weeds before we plant to help keep the beds cleaner when the vegetables germinate. We also plan on doing more transplanting of crops instead of direct seeding to help combat weeds and to better control timing of when we can plant. We lost a lot of seeds and time when we seeded then lost a whole bed to a three-inch rain only to have it happen a week later. There is always next year!

Have a great weekend, great holidays, happy new year and stay warm this winter! Thanks for making our farm possible!

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Look back over the last few newsletters for some recipes. Make a hot bowl of onion soup with some roasted garlic. Stay warm, stay in touch, check your email for farm events and cooking class updates.

Thanks for letting us be your farmers' this season.

Thanks for being members in our CSA.

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