



May 1, 2018

Dear CSA members and farm friends,

It finally feels like Spring on the farm. The full season CSA starts tomorrow at the farm. Members may come to the farm between 12 noon and 8PM to pick out their vegetables. The CSA pick-up is in our farm stand. We have a chalkboard with a list of vegetables available each week. We have half bushel baskets which you may use to bring you produce home. Just bring the basket back for the next week. The cold winter lead to a long, cold spring which has delayed the early vegetables by a few weeks. We have storage vegetables for a couple week while the baby plants grow in the ground and in our greenhouse. We have lettuce, golden beet greens, red beets, chard, kale, scallions, spinach, lettuce and bok choy coming along. The horses are plowing up ground for the potatoes and peas as the weather allows. We have had a significant amount of rain in the last few weeks. The horses can get working on the land sooner than the tractor but still need a day or two of sun to dry things out. The grass in the pastures and hayfields love the rain. The nights above 40 degrees are great for grass growth and new vegetable plant germination. We working on the repairs to our big greenhouse following the high winds last month. We are rebuilding the end wall and will be installing new wood on the side and ribs. The skin of the greenhouse is 42 by 100 feet and makes a great sail if the wind blows. We are working with our neighbor and fellow CSA member Chad to give the 11year old greenhouse a complete overhaul. We might be looking for a few volunteers when we go to pull the skin on. In March we welcomed the first Holstein calf on the farm. She is from Maeve's 2 year old show cow Walhowdon Scotch Whipped. The Holstein is from master breeder Mark Patch of Walhowdon Farm in Lebanon, NH. She is twice the size of the jerseys and knows it. She has lived her since she was a month old yet the jerseys know she is a foreigner. We have been blessed with a bunch of very nice heifer calves over the last two months. More heifers means that we have more replacement heifers to sell to other dairy farmers. This past weekend we sold heifers in the New England Jersey Breeder Classic and Sale. Buyers came from across the US to purchase jerseys cows and heifers raised in NY, Vermont, NH, Maine and Massachusetts. The sale offered commercial cows and fancy cows. We were excited to see that our fancy heifer JX Cedar Mtn Farm Colton Bridget went to Lucky Hill Farm in Danville, VT. Meanwhile the farm keeps gearing up for the busy season. Until next week.



