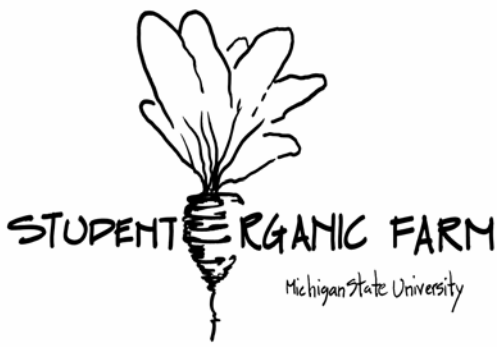




April 5, 2007

IN YOUR SHARE THIS WEEK*

- Salad mix – spicy
- Salad mix – regular
- Spinach
- Bunches of your choice of KALE or MUSTARD
- Onions
- Carrots
- Potatoes
- Parsley
- Komatsuna
- Leaf lettuce – Butterhead, yum!
- Scallions
- Breakfast radishes
- PARSNIPS!! – You thought we forgot about these, didn't you?

We will have some extra greens as well!

BASIC FARM INFO REMINDERS

PLEASE READ! These are important reminders to ensure that you benefit the most from your membership!

1. SHARE PICKUP TIME: 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
2. Trade Table and Extra Table: Sometimes there is too much in the share or something in the share you aren't crazy about. Sometimes there is something you would like more of. This is what the extras or the trade table is for! Please deposit what you don't want on the table and take more of something you would like! You needn't put something on the table to take something. Often we have a crop that we consider to not be "Top Quality" but that is still good, so those are for anyone! So, USE THE TABLE and take what you can use!
3. If you can't pick up: Call 230-7987 and leave a message with your name and the share name and let us know you can't pick up.
4. PICK UP? In cooler 11, labeled Student Organic Farm on the right side on the rack with a plastic bag labeled with your name. Come Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM.

5. Questions or Comments about ANYTHING? We'd love to hear from you! Contact msufarm@msu.edu and we will always get back to you.
6. Farm Phone: 230-7987
7. Farm e-mail: msufarm@msu.edu
8. Corie's e-mail: piercee@msu.edu
9. Jeremy's e-mail: moghtad1@msu.edu

FARM UPDATE

The farm, with this warm weather, continues to SPRING into action. Almost TOO quickly; hopefully this cool spell we are coming into will slow things down a bit. Things like salad mix and Asian greens and radishes grow fast anyway, but with unseasonably warm weather, they grow faster than we anticipated which causes multiple successions to come on at the same time, which makes for overlapping shares!! So, enjoy the abundance right now; we are confident that we will be able to carry you through the spring with that abundance, but we may have a slight lull before all of our field summer crops come on and our storage crops are dwindling down.

We are beginning lots of seeding...our summer crops and flowers are being seeded up right now and our greenhouse is filling fast. Our fields are going to get worked up here soon, and we are scheduled to plant our onions in the field in two weeks! So, things are moving rapidly into spring and we are excited for what this season will bring.

SUMMER SHARE ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT COMING UP!!

Last Spring Share Date: May 3. Please send in or bring your payment for the summer share to CSA by April 14! If we don't receive your check we will give up your spot. Please let us know your plans!

Summer Session goes from May 10 to August 23. Payment in full is due one month before then—by April 14. We would prefer a single check from your share group and all paid in full. If this is a problem for your group, we are happy to discuss payment options.

Please let us know ASAP if you are planning to discontinue. We are planning to make room for more summer shares and need to know how many to plan for ASAP. Thanks so much!

Directions for renewing!

1. Write a check (1 per share) to Michigan State University for \$460.
2. Send it to Corie Pierce, MSU, A288 Plant and Soil Science Building, East Lansing, MI 48824. Or bring it to CSA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN'S GARDEN

We had a great initial meeting about the Children's Garden! Ginger Olgilvie hosted us and Kymm Hadlock, Maggie Wright, Michael Belt, and I (Corie) met about how to make the garden happen. We have some wonderful ideas that will get put into action this spring.

Again, this is a garden open and welcoming to ALL. You needn't be a CSA member to help or enjoy the garden, you needn't be a child to enjoy or help in the garden; this is YOUR garden! Enjoy it!

Here is a synopsis:

- We will have a poster of the proposed garden in the CSA room so you can look at some of the ideas.
- There will be space for YOU to add ideas to the board.
- There will be sign-ups for you, your family, a group of families and friends to sign up for and make happen a section or part of the garden. Also, you can sign up to help with making a section happen if you don't want to take the lead.
- We will post dates for when we will have work parties for the garden so you can get those dates into the calendar!
- We will have a NAME THE GARDEN contest...keep your eyes peeled for that!

CSA Pick-Your-Own Garden:

We are very excited to announce that we will be planting a CSA PYO garden this year! Every summer, we open up parts of our fields as PYO for CSA members. We have had many members brave the fields and tromp through finding the orange cone marker to find those peas, flowers, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, and other goodies, but we realized that we may have more of you take advantage of the summer abundance if we put all the pick-your-own into one area. So, voilà! It is happening! Right behind the Student Organic Farm sign will be the CSA PYO garden for you all to enjoy. When you come out to pick up your share, or if you would like to come out on another day, you will be welcome to stroll through the PYO garden to take home some additional veggies and flowers that you may not find in your share! We hope you enjoy this new feature of the Student Organic Farm!

VEGGIE OF THE WEEK: TO BE CONTINUED

I think it should be the parsnip...anyone have any thoughts on the parsnip for next week??

RECIPES

Roasted Parsnips – try them they are sooooo good!!

Wash and chop parsnips into uniform sized pieces. Spread them out on a cookie sheet, drizzle them with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and bake at 450 degrees until soft. Enjoy as a side dish!! You won't believe how sweet they are!

MSU Student Organic Farm Contact Information

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Assistant Farm Manager: Jay Tomczak

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Tomczak, Amanda Taylor, Aryn Labrake, Sam Cooper

OFCP Students: Rosemary Sheets, Maggie Wright, Tom Stump, Dan Bair,
James Garthe, Teri Vanhall, Linda Anderson, Kathy Koch, Anna Kaschner