



# CSA Newsletter Week #1:

## Welcome New & Previous Shareholders to week one of the CSA season.

We are delighted to start the CSA this week after such a challenging spring. The unusually hot and dry conditions made for rather uneven germination of many crops, taxed our water resources and have been perfect for predatory insects (especially flea beetles) to thrive and attack many of our brassica family of crops (arugula, asian greens, kale, cabbage, etc) at the post-emergence stage. Our early production of greens has been significantly reduced as a result. We are very lucky to have 6 full time apprentices and 1 part time apprentice working with us this year to help us make this growing season happen. Our first 2 apprentices arrived April 1st and have worked tirelessly in our greenhouse starting hundreds of trays of seeds, helping us collect the seeds that were not collected in the fall, as well as numerous other projects both in the garden and also with the animals. We then had the rest of the team start in May and together we have accomplished a tremendous amount, both with building projects & garden work in the 6 acres of land committed to vegetable production this year! We now have all of our transplants and 90% of the seed in the ground and are working every day at the very daunting task of weeding all of our gardens with the use of wheel hoes, hand tools and then of course all the fine weeding by hand. It has been most impressive to see the growth in the gardens over the last 2 weeks, thanks at least in part to the heavy rains of the last two weeks.

We are looking forward to a bountiful and rich season ahead. Thank you all for having us as your farmers for 2015!

## This week's Features:

- Asian Greens
- Baby Chard
- Baby Kale
- Chives
- Dandelion greens
- Lettuce mix
- Oregano
- Sorrel
- Spinach
- Stinging Nettles
- Wild Mint

## Add on shares:

- Rustic Danish Style Bacon (1 lb.)
- Pickled Nettles (1 quart jar)
- Red Fife Wheat Flour (3 lb. bag)
- Farm Fresh Free Range Eggs