



CSA Newsletter | Week # 7

Notes from the Field

In spite of the presence of thunder showers in the area over the past few days, we have been so unlucky as to have received no more than a few drops of rain and a bit of fog. It has now been over a month since we have last had any significant precipitation and this lack of moisture, combined with the heat we have been experiencing, is starting to take its toll on our gardens and field crops. Some of the plants have stopped growing and are showing clear signs of stress, others, like some of the potatoes, are simply beginning to die off. Many of the crops of greens we seeded after the hailstorm have failed to germinate for lack of soil moisture and while we do have some irrigation capacity, it is rather limited and unable to match the extreme dryness and heat of the past month. It allows us to keep some crops growing, but does not by any means allow us to germinate and grow all of the greens required to fill our CSA shares and orders from other buyers.

We do not yet know what this means for the rest of the season, but we remain hopeful that some of the precipitation forecast for the next week will in fact materialize and allow us to begin to win back some of the ground we have lost due to hail, extreme heat and drought. We do expect that our yields of potatoes, carrots and beets will be dramatically reduced, as will our production of cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli.

Farmers are perpetually in a position of responding to the whims of nature, and no matter how experienced or clever a farmer one is, nature is always in the dominant position. The risks of crop loss and failure, and the concurrent loss of revenue, are ever present. Your sharing of some of this risk is an act of solidarity with rural food producers and it is never lost on us how valuable this strong relationship between eaters and growers is and perhaps how much more important it will be, as we move into even more unstable, and unpredictable times.

What's in Your Box?

- ★ Beans
- ★ Beet Bunch
- ★ Big Green Wonder Lettuce Mix **with Edible Flowers**
- ★ Broccoli
- ★ Carrot Bunch
- ★ Chard
- ★ Choy
- ★ Dill **or** Basil
- ★ English Peas
- ★ Green Cabbage
- ★ Kale
- ★ Spinach
- ★ Summer Squash

Add-on Shares

- ★ Pork Chops & Breakfast Patties
- ★ Farm Fresh Eggs
- ★ Flower Bouquets

BC Fruit Available this week

- ★ Heirloom Tomatoes - **Sunshine Earth Works (AB)**
- ★ Organic Apples - **Cawston (BC)**
- ★ Organic Cherry Tomatoes - **Cawston (BC)**
- ★ Organic Garlic - **Honest Food Farm (BC)**
- ★ Organic Gold Plums - **Cawston (BC)**
- ★ Organic Peaches - **Cawston (BC)**



So. Many. Pigs!



Fresh Cut Flowers



We love Carrots!

