



# New Century CSA

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## Welcome!!

Welcome to the 2010 CSA season! We are pleased to have all of you as supporters this year, both our returning supporters and our new supporters. The harvest season is quickly approaching.



## Crop Updates

We are pleased to say that this has been an excellent spring for getting the crops planted in a timely way. Everything was planted in a timely way. We were able to put out an early planting of green beans on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Although the calendar said that it was too early, it was difficult to sit and watch the good weather pass. Last week when the two nights of frost came we covered some of the beans as they do not tolerate cold weather. Fortunately none of the beans were harmed.

This season we tried new planting methods on a few crops. In seasons past the weather has not cooperated to get the early crops planted at the right time. We planted all of our beets and spinach in plastic trays as to get the plants off to a good start. That way when the ground was dry enough to plant, those crops would be several weeks ahead of schedule. It looks as if this

will help ensure an earlier harvest.

Although we have had great weather, it is still too early to predict an exact start date. Our nearest prediction is the third to fourth week of May. We will continue to update everyone concerning planting and projected harvest dates in the next newsletter.



## Pick-Up/Delivery

We are now in the process of putting together each delivery route. Since each supporter had a choice of which day to receive deliveries, our job of planning routes has been lightened. You will be contacted to be reminded of the delivery day.

If you are picking up at the farm, the days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We need to know by May 15<sup>th</sup> which day you would like to pick up. We will fill the two days on a "first-come, first-served" basis, as we need to keep the numbers balanced. If you do not contact us, you will be assigned a pick up day.

For supporters picking up at the Lancaster Farmer's Market, we will be there on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The location for the market will be downtown on Broad Street between Main and Wheeling.



## Pick-Up Reminder

We would like to remind everyone who picks up their vegetables to make it a part of their weekly routine. It can be sometimes difficult in the early weeks to remember to come for pick-up. If you or someone you know cannot pick up your vegetables on your scheduled day, 24 hours notice is needed to make other arrangements for that week or your share for that week will be forfeited. Please understand that we will have vegetables picked for you on your assigned day. If you forget to come, those vegetables will need to be thrown away by the end of the day. To then come on another day would be a second share for that week.

Each supporter will be given one week in which you may come on another day if you do forget (please call first). After that, forgotten shares will have to be forfeited for the week. Again, it is ALWAYS an option to have someone pick up for you.



## **Email Updates**

As the summer progresses, there will be times that we need to contact you. If you provided an email address on your sign-up form, we will use that as our primary means to contact you. Please check your email frequently during the season. If anyone has an email that was not put on their sign-up form, or the one provided has since changed, please let us know.



## **Our Website**

We will be putting our website to full use this summer. Our newsletters will be posted here, along with weekly "Share Sheets".

Please check the website at least weekly throughout the season to ensure that you are up-to-date with the latest information. The more often you check the website, the more informed you will be about the crops and the more connected you will feel to the farm. Inevitably, we always find out some people have gone half of the season with never reading the weekly newsletters or viewing the website. Regularly checking the website and reading the share sheets are the best way to stay informed.

Of course, for those who have previously asked of us, we will be sending hard copies of all newsletters with your weekly shares.

We hope to keep pictures and videos updated frequently so you can get a feel for how the crops are progressing and what's going on at the farm. So please add our website to your favorites and visit it frequently this summer.



## **Facebook**

This year we have added a facebook page. If you have not done so already, please add us to your friend list.



## **Recipes**

This year instead of putting together a cookbook, we will be adding recipes to our website throughout the season. If you have a favorite recipe please feel free to email it to us or post it on our facebook page for everyone to see.

## **Account Balances**

Due to all the great weather we are backed up on desk work as usual. We are in the process of sending invoices for second half payments. Thanks for your patience. If you are unable to pay your balance by the due date listed on the invoice and need to make special arrangements, please contact us.



## **System Update**

Within the next few weeks we will be updating our website. This will allow our sign up process to be simplified. You will be asked to enter some basic information to set up your own online farm account. It will also allow for additional items to be purchased through the website during the season. We'll let you know when it is in operation.

## **NBC4**

In late April we had the great opportunity to be interviewed by NBC4 about the CSA. We have added the story from youtube to our website.



## **Thank you!**

Again, we welcome each family to the CSA. We will be in touch soon concerning the beginning of delivery/pick up season. Please be watching your emails. We are excited for the season to come, and hope that you are too! Feel free to contact us for any reason.

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