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Preview Newsletter

June 2010

Welcome to the Stoney Meadow Farm 2010 CSA

Our family would like to welcome you to the 2010 season. We are very excited to get to know all of you and richly blessed to have been given the opportunity to help and serve our community in this manner. Most of you are new to the CSA model and are wondering how it all works. Hopefully, this preview newsletter will help. If you have more questions, please do not hesitate to let me know at any time.

Your farmers-
Andrea and Steve

Here are some of the commonly asked questions and their answers:

When do pick ups begin? Pick ups begin the week of July 5th. If you are an every other week shareholder, in an email, you will find out if you will begin the first week or the second week.

Is there an exchange box at the pick up sites? Yes, we will do our best to bring extras of many items and then members can exchange items for other items.

What if I can't pick up my share because I will be on vacation, etc.? We have several options. You can have a friend or family member pick up your share for you, and we can try to make arrangements with you. We can double your share the next time you pick up, for every other week share members, you can pick up in alternating weeks or you can arrange to pick up at one of our other pick up sites. We just ask that you please try to notify us ahead of and we will do our best to accommodate your circumstances. I do my best to check my email the morning (it's early, though) of deliveries and you can also try the cell phone (262) 893-3579 or text me at that number as well.

Will we have any on the farm events?

Stay tuned. We will be having a Open House and Farm Tour in July. We will also have a few you days in which you will be welcome to come out a pick your own flowers in August & September. You are also welcome to visit the farm. Please make arrangements to make sure we will be there.

What's Happening on the Farm

Hope all of you are doing well. It's a busy, busy time of year on the farm. A season of fresh vegetables and fruit is upon us. The spring has been very unseasonably warm. I think the bean plants are bigger today than they ever were last year. A great sign. Also cause for some vigilance. Pests and weeds love warm weather. We are doing lots of weeding and watching closely



for any evidence of problematic pests. So far the only trouble we have encountered, as we do every year, are with the Colorado Potato Beetles, or as we fondly refer to them as "spud bugs". We have spent hours and hours collecting the orange egg clusters which the adults lay under the leaves. This helps to control the larvae which will devour a potato plant in one night,

just leaving the "skeleton" of the plant remaining. The honey bees have been very busy too. The raspberry bushes are just buzzing.



For those of you returning members and our new ones, an update on our barn. It's still not completed. But we are getting closer. We have been working on hanging the doors and hope to put the shingles on soon. You can watch a video of the barn construction from last year on our website at stoneymeadowfarmcsa.com.

I will be emailing the newsletters at the beginning of each week on Sunday or Monday. That way you will have a better idea what to expect in your bag and can thus tailor your grocery shopping. I will also have some hard copies with me at the pick up site and it will also be posted on the website.

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