



WELL FED

Newsletter for Wellspring Farm CSA

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HARVEST FEST

This SUNDAY, Sept, 17, 2-5pm

Come one, come all!

Featuring NECI chefs, rockin' music by Lucky Star, and YOU - our CSA members!

Please bring a potluck dish and anything you'd like to sit on.

Be prepared to be outside. Cancelled if it rains. Local products for sale too.

Rough schedule:

- 2:00 Hayrides
Mural Painting
- 3:00 Crazy Farm Games
Carnivores vs. Vegetarian Tug of War
- 4:00 Boogie Down with Live Music by Lucky Star

See you there!

It's Not Over!

Our CSA has weeks to go! Get ready for hearty fall crops like winter squash, turnips, celery root, rutabaga and more!

Our last pick up dates are Monday, October 9 and Thursday, October 12. Winter shares will be distributed on the last pick up day, along with storage information for your lovely veggies.

Coming soon:

Delicata winter squash, green tomatoes, blue potatoes

Farmer Report

At long last the excavator guys, Alan and Kevin Farnum, are busy in our fields installing drainage pipe in our wettest areas. This investment in the land should help us deal with the increased rain we seem to get each season. I covet other farmers' sandy loams, but have come to more or less accept our land with its pluses and minuses. What else can you do? Today I found yet another wet spot when I got the tractor bogged down behind the barn. But since I've gotten stuck so many times, I now am quite adept at using the bucket loader. I found the silver lining in getting stuck -- at least I know how to get myself out!

The crops are looking great. I had started to give up on my hopes for bounteous field tomatoes and melons, but lo and behold, they have arrived! Just late this year. For all you gardeners out there who have asked, "Why aren't my tomatoes ripening?" just hold on! It took some time for the plants to rebound from 6 weeks of rain back in early summer, but better late than never. Also coming along well are broccoli, turnips, head lettuce and spinach. These are the cool-weather crops that are enjoying the nighttime temperatures. We have some minor problems, like the arrival of some aphids and black rot which proliferates in the recent rains and foggy nights but all in all, it is a vegetable paradise right now, and I for one plan to enjoy every minute of it. I hope you are too. See you at the Harvest Fest!