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**SAVE THE DATE
PARTY
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2008**
From 4 p.m. to
Potluck, barbecue,
bonfire, lots of fun!

Thanks to everyone who brought bags recently. The crisis is over. One day people had to make multiple trips to their cars, since there were only a couple bags left!

If you need to reach us my cell is 978-846-4577. Please leave a message. Thanks!

Could be next week instead of this week, but I figured I should mention the **shelling peas**, in case they are ready. They are over at Nashoba, so we can't check them first thing in the morning. You shell these by breaking off the stem then pulling the "string" down the side. You eat the peas, but the pods are too tough to eat. It's a good way to get the kids involved. Have them shell them for you. It's tedious picking and we're not sure we'll have enough, but maybe you'll get a handful just to try.

Farm News

A one page newsletter this week, since Anna Barker is off with her family to Ohio for her Dad's services. We're thinking of ya.

Paul is away on vacation in St. Thomas (back on Wed., hopefully), so Mike & I are holding down the fort. Mike is wicked sick with a cold, too. As such, I made the executive decision to concentrate on harvesting veggies versus doing a back page. Anna should be back at it next week.

Two of the sows in the barn had their babies last Tuesday. One had 10 and one 11. All are doing fine so far. I thought for sure one of the last two remaining guinea hens had gotten herself eaten. They have been hanging all altogether, but last week it was just the one hen and the teenager. Matt said one of the hens flew into the side of his trailer early one morning, probably because something was after her. But, she lived & must have just taken to setting on eggs, because we are seeing her occasionally again. I wish she wasn't setting, since there is no male around to fertilize the eggs (actually, I assume we have two hens left—I can't tell the adults apart). In addition, they are more likely to get eaten if they are setting, as opposed to roosting in a tree. The teenager is looking more and more grown up every day.

There was a threat of cold weather one night last week, so we covered the new bean plants and the basil, but it was OK even on the ends not covered. Full moon tonight, so maybe we'll get through another month without a frost.

What's New In Your Share This Week

The only thing new this week (I think) is the type of **watermelon**. Some of you may get the variety called sorbet. It's an orange swirled watermelon, just as sweet as the red ones you've already received. The sorbet are a light green outside, while the red ones are dark green.

It's been an amazing melon year. We figure we've harvested a thousand watermelon between the CSA and the farmer's market.

And that's not counting the other melons. Many kids aren't familiar with watermelons with seeds. A customer at the farmer's market told us the story of how she shared some with her neighbor's kid and how horrified he was when she told him to spit out the seeds. He said "I don't think my Mom would want me to spit." She explained that it's OK to spit watermelon seeds and when

she was a kid it was game to see who could spit a seed the furthest, but he wasn't convinced. She didn't tell him about the seeds growing in his stomach if he swallowed them, though, like my folks did. Come to think of it, maybe that's why I have such a paunch!

Mike picked up more cheese at the market for you. It's selling like hot cakes.

We also got more of those yummy peaches and apples from Brookdale Farm in Hollis, NH. The peaches are my favorite. Every year we can a few and I end up eating them all.

We'll have pork, too, but the days are flying by. Hopefully it will be ready before the last of the pick ups. Otherwise we'll have to let you know or sign up or something. I know people have been asking.

