

Farm News

The first pick up will be the week of June 14th. Last year we started on the 16th, the year before it was the 18th, so we are right on schedule. It's been very dry, but we've set up some irrigation. Much better than the rainy start last season! Although it has seemed like summer since late April, it continued to be very cold at night, with the last frost on May 14. We covered plants at night but still lost some. The weather has improved in the last week and things are really taking off finally.

We're happy to say that we got a 5-year renewable lease on the Day Conservation Area in Westford off Graniteville Rd. We are happy to be back planting there and the tomatoes, potatoes and eggplant, corn, etc are in there already.

We have a fantastic hard-working crew this season. Our nephew, Patrick, is back as well as Halley. Cara is new this year but has fit right in. Casey will be back part-time as soon as school is out. We'll be her first paying job. Member Anna Barker will be back to pick up her veggies, but will be bowing out on helping with the newsletter this year. Maybe we can get her to make a few guest appearances. We'll try to continue to post them on the website as soon as possible.

As always, we encourage you to consider this "your farm" and to come visit anytime. Directions can be seen on our website at bearhillfarmcsa.com. I've trimmed the established plants in the pick-your-own herb bed. The chickens are laying so we have eggs. The last of the pigs have gone to market and should be back for sale shortly. It will be strange not having pigs on the farm this summer. We hope to get new breeding stock this year.

Pick-up

The first pick up is the week of June 14th, **rain or shine as always**. We don't take holidays off either. At the beginning there won't be a lot, and there may be some short weeks even after we've started, so please be patient. Pick-up is any time between 3 and 7 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Feel free to call if you don't remember which pick-up day you've chosen. If you go on vacation & would like to switch your day for a week PLEASE let us know a week ahead of time. You can have friends pick up for you as long as you explain to them what to do. That way we won't waste your veggies if you don't show up on your chosen day. One of the only rules is no dogs, please, there are too many small children. Speaking of which, please make sure they are extra careful around the road since some people drive fast. There is also quite a bit of poison ivy on the farm, adjacent to paths, particularly on stone walls. Be careful! The only other rule is no kids down by the pond without a grownup that can swim, for obvious reasons. The area around the irrigation pond has been cleared, so we need to be more careful. Park anywhere but in the bar ways (which look like dirt roads within the farm).

The farm stand is up a short path next to the shop on the same side of the road as the house. All you have to do is read the board to see what a full share is and chose your veggies. Please cross your name off first so we know you've come. We have a full share listed, so people who split shares should pick out a whole share and then divide it up to prevent confusion. If your share partner is also coming to the farm please make sure their bag is labeled so they know it's theirs and feel free to leave them notes on the sign in sheet.

Please bring your own plastic or cloth bags since the veggies are often wet. We'll also take your clean egg cartons to reuse. Looking forward to seeing you soon!