

April 20, 2005

Salad Days Continue

Please remember to pickup your share in Urbana at 714 W Iowa and in Champaign at 701 W Washington between 4 and 7 pm today. Your share will be in the garage, access through the smaller service doors. Please check the box by your name when you pick up your share. If you cannot pick up your share, you are welcome to designate someone else to do so. Remember eggs are not part of the regular share, if you need to order eggs, please call 815.432.6238. If you need past copies of the newsletter, they are online at <http://www.prairielandcsa.org/newsletters.html> Additional produce recipes are at <http://www.prairienet.org/pcsa/recipes.htm>

From the Farm

The rains seem to be skipping us as of late, which means watering. The Moores have several firehose sized water lines running throughout the field to ensure that the newly transplanted crops don't become too stressed. Speaking of which, last night, Diann, Jim, and Diann's father transplanted 4,000 cabbage and broccoli plants into the fields between 4:30 and 7:00 pm. If you wonder how they can plant so much so quickly, see the photo at <http://www.prairienet.org/pcsa/tourthefarm.html> Jim constructed a special platform and seat that allows Diann to ride just above ground level through the field. To help speed things along last night, Diann's dad was walking along side the tractor passing flats to her from the platform.

In Your Share

Look for more spring greens in your share this week. (See Recipes and Storage Suggestions for important storage information.) Your mix may contain a variety of lettuces (including red lettuce), baby beet greens, and/or baby Asian greens.

Champaign Shareholders

PCSA has an opportunity to work with GCAP to help get fresh produce to individuals and families coping with HIV/Aids on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. If you will be gone 4/27, 5/11, 5/25, 6/8, 6/22, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24, 9/11, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, or 11/9 and would like to donate your share to GCAP, please email info@prairielandcsa.org or call 355-6279. Thanks.

Totebag Order

We now have enough bags to receive the \$13.50 price from Weiskamp. See the list at the bottom of the newsletter to confirm your order. If your quantity is incorrect, please email info@prairielandcsa.org or call 355-6279. Payment instructions are below, as well.

Cookbooks Delayed

Pages has promised to call us as soon as the books arrive.

Recipe and Storage Suggestions

Rinse your greens under cold water and spin out in a salad spinner. If you do not have one, place the rinsed lettuce in the middle of a flour sack towel. Gather the corners together. Take outside and spin your arm in a windmill/backstroke fashion to remove the

excess water. Return your greens to their bags and store in your refrigerator. Remember, do not store wet greens in plastic or they will degrade rapidly.

If the warm temperatures have you longing for tomato season, try this dressing from *Recipes from America's Small Farms*.

Tomato Dressing

1 c tomato juice
1/ 4 c lemon juice or cider vinegar
2 T finely chopped chives or garlic scape
1 t fresh parsley or other herb of your choice
1/ 4 t salt (or to taste depending upon juice)
1/ 8 t freshly ground pepper

Combine ingredients in a screw-top jar or bottle. Shake well and store in refrigerator. Use within several days.

Totebag Orders

Please call 355-6279 if your quantity is incorrect. Please send a payment (\$13.50 for each bag). Please make checks payable to PCSA. Mail your check to Anna Barnes, 701 W Washington St., Champaign, IL 61820. If you pickup in Champaign, you can drop yours off in person. Please get your payments in promptly as the order cannot be placed until all funds are received.

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