

**June 29, 2005**

### **Irrigation Pumps Still Running**

Please pickup and checkoff your share at 714 W Iowa in Urbana or 701 W Washington in Champaign between 4 and 7 pm today (use the garage service doors). Please remember, eggs must be pre-ordered and paid. To order, call 815.432.6238. Please keep the cooler lids tightly closed during hot weather.

### **Share the Wealth**

If you will be gone July 13 or 27, please let us know so that your produce can be donated to GCAP. Call 355-6279 or email [info@prairielandcsa.org](mailto:info@prairielandcsa.org)

### **From the Farm**

The Moores caught 3 minutes of rain this week – enough to wet the top of the dust, says Diann. The summer crops are slowly starting to come in, while the spring crops make their last stand. The snow peas narrowly escaped turning to starch in the heat. Irrigation is keeping them just cool enough to survive and remain in the shares this week. For that matter, irrigation is helping all the Moore's crops to survive at the moment. "Not thrive, but survive," says Diann. "In this heat it is all the crops can do to withstand it. They are so stressed, that they aren't doing much growing or maturing."

Out in the pasture, the Moores have brought in hay wagons to provide additional shade for the sheep. The Moores reduced the number of chickens and turkeys in the Salatin-style pasture shelters to keep them cooler. (these shelters are shown in the farm tour on the PCSA website [www.prairielandcsa.org](http://www.prairielandcsa.org)) The hogs opted to dump much of their water to create a large mud hole to cool off in.

With any luck, the jet stream pattern will shift after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday bringing the much needed substantial rains.

### **In Your Share Today**

Baby carrots, kohlrabi, green onions, snow peas, yellow squash and zucchini. Use your veggies to make a cool relish tray for the hot 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

### **T-Shirt Orders Due**

We now have 22 of the 25 T-shirts, we need to make the order. If you haven't reserved one yet, please do so ASAP so we can make the order. Ts are \$14.80 each--an incredible deal for a 6-color design. Design is the same as the totebag only smaller to fit on shirts (see <http://www.prairienet.org/pcsa/totebag.html> for reference). Sizes are XS to 3XL in white 50/50 cotton/poly. If you are interested, email [info@prairielandcsa.org](mailto:info@prairielandcsa.org) or call 355-6279. I will send confirmations of your individual orders and payment details immediately prior to making the order with Weiskamp.

### **Storage and Recipe Suggestions**

Use your kohlrabi, snow peas, green onions, carrots, zucchini and yellow squash in a relish tray. Serve with your favorite salad dressing, or use the recipes from Recipes from America's Small Farms or the PCSA website: <http://www.prairienet.org/pcsa/recipes/lettuce.htm>

**Kohlrabi** – Peel and cut into julienne

**Snow Peas** – String, blanch using the directions in recipes from *Recipes from America's Small Farms*.

**Baby Carrots** – Scrub or peel. Steam or blanch briefly to set color and enhance sweetness.

**Yellow and Zucchini Squash** – Cut into thin slices crosswise, or cut into carrot-stick size pieces lengthwise.

**Green Onions** – Trim to 4 inches, with one inch of white and three inches of green. Save rest of onion for another purpose. For a fancier look, slit green parts with knife lengthwise and put onions in cold water to curl green parts.

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