

# Laguna Farm CSA

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## From Farmer Scott

It is comforting to know that the day length is increasing, even if it doesn't feel that way! Signs of spring are all around you: the narcissis are blooming and the yellow acacia trees are just about to burst. We are fixing around 80 pipes that are the structural supports of the tunnels you see in the fields. It is in these that we grow a significant amount of the produce you receive this time of the year. The winds broke many of the tubes and thus poked holes in the greenhouse film covering, allowing water in and some heat out. I am hoping for calmer storms for the rest of this winter.

## In your box today:

From the wintery fields of the farm, our "beyond organic" salad mix, chard, Romanesco broccoli or cabbage; also leeks from Guinda, avocados from Temecula, kiwi from Auburn, and apples from Sebastopol.

You will find, as the winter progresses, that some of the veggies will be sourced from warmer places to supplement what we can provide from the farm. We choose the freshest, highest quality, and most local produce that we can find (always organic, either certified or personally verified). Buying "off-farm" allows us to offer a box throughout the winter months, when our production is down, and provides you with the best possible food at a below-retail cost.

Continuing through the winter saves us a lot of startup costs in the spring. We appreciate you supporting us year-round, even when not all of the produce is grown here. All kinds of things can happen, including shortages and mix-ups (with the leeks), as we have this week, and scrambles to supplement (the apples).

## **"Cornucopia" (Neighborhood Fruit Share)**

As we strive to localize our economy and our food, we now have an opportunity to create a simple and easy way to both contribute to this end and benefit from it: a neighborhood fruit sharing program coordinated by one of our members, Sahar Pinkham.

If you have a fruit tree (or some other food-bearing source, cut flowers, or medicinals) in your garden, contact Sahar (all your information will be kept in a confidential file). He will contact you the month your tree or product ripens, to learn how much extra fruit will be available, and the days and hours you are open to neighbors coming by to pick it. He will then send out an email or phone call, inviting all involved in this program to the next harvest. Already we have persimmons, Golden Delicious and Gravenstein apples, blackberries, kiwi, and much more. We are excited at the prospect of further sharing in the bounty of this wonderful community!

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