

# Laguna Farm CSA

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## From Farmer Scott

The cooler weather has slowed things slightly, but we are nearing the great bounty of summer crops. Cultivation of the pumpkin/winter squash fields is filling in any spare time that the crew might have had otherwise. For those of you who read my recent newsletter about the cucumber beetle and were waiting on the edge of your seats for an update, we ended up timing things perfectly, and not having any problems. Hooray for my amazing field manager, Nacho, and the crew (which now includes three of his sons).

Keep an eye out for little people as you drive into the farm parking lot. EarthCamp has started its summer sessions, and there will be young folks in the garden area near the entrance, getting lessons in sustainable living skills and having fun with the instructors.

The compost receiving area is increasing in use, thanks to those folks bringing their home food scraps. Jessica has been great about working the flow of material out to the compost pile (see update below). I hope your summer is going well.

## In your box today:

From the compostable fields of the farm, our "beyond organic" salad mix, carrots, squash or cucumber, saute mix, beets on Tuesday and scallions on Thursday, and parsley; also shiitake mushrooms from Moss Landing. Fruit subscribers will receive strawberries from the farm and blueberries from Sebastopol.

## **LAGUNA FARM COMPOST UPDATE from Jessica Jones, the compost girl**

On behalf of Laguna Farm and myself, thanks to all of you who have been contributing to the compost bin out on the farm. Good work, and keep it up! So far we have built a 3 foot x 12 foot Lasagna Compost pile (it's layered).

A mural has been painted on the compost bin, with the names of the people and businesses who made this project a reality. A worm bin has also been established in the herb garden, where we are transitioning worms into a new habitat. I come by every other week to check on the compost pile and the worms. You might even see me with a compost thermometer checking the temperature: a good compost pile will have an average temperature of 110 degrees, meaning that the pile is in ACTIVE decomposition phase. Right now the pile at the farm, behind the chicken coop, is around 98 degrees.

Composting takes time, effort, and continuous responsibility, and it gives to every one who contributes an insight into how we can redirect our waste, and create something that will heal the earth and feed our plants! For more information on composting please check out my new website: [www.freewebs.com/compostlady/](http://www.freewebs.com/compostlady/)

I am scheduling a compost workshop for farm members and anyone else who is interested (\$5.00 per person for supplies). We will build a compost pile on the farm, harvesting finished compost, and learn about compost temperatures and decomposition! If you are interested, please email me at [jessica7787@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jessica7787@sbcglobal.net).