

# Laguna Farm CSA

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## From Farmer Scott

Lately I have been thinking and even describing myself not as the Farmer, but more the Tinkerer Scott. Since I have such an awesome crew in the field, managed by Nacho (who with his family does most of the production work), I am rarely on a tractor. I do support them by keeping the machines all running, so I guess I am the Wrench Scott. I have also been the main person to plant and irrigate the cover crops, and spread compost. Currently, I am supporting a big overhaul and organization of the workshop space in the two barns, along with the development of a reuse area and general material flow plan for managing the trash and recyclables. This will include some signage around the farm, and education, to bring everyone onboard to maintain the system. The third area of focus for me is the CSA management - with three wonderful women (Jennifer, Kelly and Zandria) who keep the boxes flowing and manage all that is associated with it and the store. By the way, Friday afternoons are now partially staffed in the barn store by a member doing a work exchange for her box. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and dedication.

## In your box today:

All from the multifaceted fields of the farm, our "beyond organic" salad mix, Sungold tomatoes, shelling peas, squash or cucumbers, peppers, turnips and parsley. Fruit subscribers will receive pears and berries from the farm, and peaches from Sebastopol.

**CREATIVE USES FOR YOUR VEGGIES:** Sprinkle cucumber peelings along ant trails to keep ants away, place slices on the eyelids to give overworked eyes a rest, and apply the juice as a skin moisturizer. Crush a few sprigs of parsley and rub on your skin as an insect repellent. Use tomato juice to clean copper, and rub into wet hair to remove the green color from swimming pool chlorine.

## GOT CANNING JARS?

Folks here at the farm are working on preserving the summer bounty. If you have extra canning jars taking up space, please bring them by the farm and we'll put them to good use!

## GOT CHICKENS?

*Then you need the Cosmic Eggs chicken feeder! You've seen the **Cosmic Eggs (the business producing eggs at the farm) at the Laguna Farm store.** Now John and Tino have designed a chicken feeder that will save you time and money by preventing your chickens from spilling feed onto the ground. Each one is made of wood and is easy to fill, featuring a hinged cover that easily opens and closes with the flip of a latch - keeping debris out when closed and allowing for filling when open. They're available at the store for \$25.*

## New appliance service starting at the farm

If you have a shovel with a broken handle, or maybe a vacuum or other appliance that is sitting around collecting dust, email us with a list of what you have, so Ganesh can get an idea of how much interest there is in this service. He will assess the item and determine if it is viable to repair so you can get an idea if you want to proceed or donate it for parts.