

Laguna Farm CSA

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From Farmer Scott

Tomato seeds are popping in the greenhouse, and signs of spring are showing on the plum trees with their delicate white blossoms. Plus, we have been getting a nice rainfall to help charge the ground water and fill the lakes around the county.

We had our farm meeting yesterday, and talked about many things. One item of good news is that our membership is slowly growing back to its capacity. We appreciate your help in spreading the word about Community Supported Agriculture and local living foods. We are excited about going into another season growing produce for our local community.

The meeting also included looking at the CSA box, and what items we want to adjust to what we perceive you all want. One major area is the fruit share. This past year we were frustrated by the lack of consistently good quality fruit available for purchase (for filling in around what we grew ourselves). One possibility for this coming year would be to sell fruit in the farm store to farm pickup folks, and maybe provide the fruit option for delivery folks only. We would appreciate any feedback from you. I hope the winter months are treating you well.

In your box today:

From the winter fields of the farm, our "beyond organic" salad mix, kale, and parsley; also sweet potatoes from Livingston, sugar snap peas from Goleta, rice from Chico and shallots from Watsonville on Tuesday and broccoli from Fresno on Thursday, and Valencia oranges from Mecca.

DELIVERY FOLKS: We've included Laguna Farm business cards in your box this week. If you have a friend or family member who might like to join the CSA, please pass along a card. And PICKUP members, please help yourself to a few cards from the stack you'll find on the blue CSA table. We have 36 spaces left to fill in the CSA!

A reminder: DAIRY SHARES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO PICK-UP SUBSCRIBERS. Please feel free to come and shop in the store at any time (store is open to farm members only).

THE RECESSION HAS HIT US TOO! A couple of RECESSION-ERA ANNOUNCEMENTS: **EVERY-OTHER-WEEK subscribers**: EFFECTIVE THE WEEK OF MARCH 2 & 4, we'll be adding a \$2.00 per week surcharge to your subscription. We are very sorry, but we are needing to add a modest surcharge to your box. The farm receives half the income for the same administrative costs with an every-other-week subscription. So the first week of March, your invoice will reflect a cost of \$19.00 per week.

In addition, since quite a few of you forget your boxes on this type of schedule, we may cancel your subscription if you miss picking up your box twice in a 30 day period. Please check the top right hand area of your invoice for your pick-up dates! Of course you are always welcome to switch to an every-week schedule.

WE WILL NOT BE RAISING THE BOX PRICE THIS SEASON, but.....you may see some fluctuations in prices on items in the farm store - both a bit higher and lower.