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SOME RAIN WOULD BE WELCOMED

Yippee, what a great start we had to the season, from an operations standpoint. Everyone did absolutely fantastic with only 2 hiccups in the process. Thanks so much.

The truck was a bit late getting to our last pickups and we apologize for that. Hopefully Tim won't find himself going in the wrong direction this week, spending precious time getting back on track.

While the weather has been absolutely fantastic for allowing us to transplant veggies and plant seed, Tim has had to devote over an hour each day to moving irrigation equipment. Thank heaven we have that option or our "boat" would have been sunk earlier this month with the dry weather that can kill transplants in a single day.

Last week the theme here at the farm was cultivation, which for the uninitiated is a fancy term for weeding. This week the

theme has been transplanting, and Tim and the guys were able to reduce the contents of the greenhouse, moving the cucumbers, cantaloupe, watermelon, eggplant, and bell peppers into their permanent homes in the garden. The second round of summer squash also found itself putting down new roots.

Tim also took an evening to get the winter squash seed sown directly into one of the fields and then moved the irrigation equipment over in that direction to help guarantee good germination.

Almost every week Tim starts a batch of lettuce in the greenhouse and also transplants out a batch started several weeks previous. Instead of boring you with that piece of news each week, you can just assume that has happened.

Those of you who were waiting for Tim at the pickups saw our new truck! It's a bit bigger than our old

one and is holding about 50 more boxes this year which is why the deliveries are starting first thing in the morning. We appreciate your patience if you were one of the folks waiting when he arrived.

As we packed the truck that Friday morning, one of the alpaca dams unpacked a cria. That brings our total to 3 this year and we have several more still to come. I find myself standing around the pasture watching the expectant girls who I am certain are wondering what in the heck that stupid two legger is doing, standing there with a blank expression on her face. I keep telling them and myself that I am working, but I don't think either of us really believe it.

The boxes are holding 3 more plants for you to transplant on. The smooth leaved taller plant is a Jalapeno for those who enjoy spicing things up. Please be aware that even touching the fruit can transfer the hot oils onto your hands, so make sure that little kids can't accidentally get into them.

Sage is the fuzzy, blue-ish green plant and it's flavor is probably most familiar to you in sausage and the dressing that is used to stuff the turkey at Thanksgiving.

Chives are a great little plant that is a perennial like the sage. Even its flow-

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ers are edible, but it probably won't produce those until next year. You can snip off some of the leaves and add them to just about everything except ice cream!

Whenever we have a question mark next to a vegetable in the listing of contents box, it means that it is a maybe. We provide the information for next weeks box to help you plan your grocery list. Of course, that only applies if you are more organized than I am. We have the luxury of a grocery just down the road and I am there at least 3 or 4 times a week.

We do have a few shares left, but just a few. We anticipate selling out this year, so if you have passed along brochures to anyone and they haven't committed yet, please let them know time is running out. Stay cool!

This Week's Box

**Lettuce
Pac Choi?
Scallions
Radishes
Jalapeno Pepper
Plant
Chives Plant
Sage Plant**

Next Week

**Lettuce
Scallions
Kohlrabi
More Herb Plants**