

# The Farm Weekly

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## TOO MUCH RAINY WEATHER

I have been known to say, "be careful what you wish for", but I am going to take my chances and wish for a little less moisture. I guess we are never completely happy with the irrigation supplied from above, but it does seem to be feast or famine in the Department of Precipitation.

It has been tough to get some things transplanted and weeded with the muddy soil. We have also experienced some rot in the lettuce patch in an area that doesn't get as much air movement close to the woods. Since most folks don't like rotten lettuce, that will drop the count in the boxes for next week.

Everything actually grows quite well with the damp weather, but unfortunately so do the weeds, which we cannot remove when the soil is wet for it tears up those plants you are trying to protect. The weeds compete with the veggies for space, light and nutrients, so it does interfere with their production.

Fortunately, Luke is now working on those mornings where the soil

allows it, so hopefully the cultivation will get caught up before the Open House on Saturday, the 19th, so that things will look nice for everyone.

Tim did catch up on transplanting this week, which has a higher spot on his list of things to do than does the weeding. If the plants are held in the greenhouse too long they end up never doing well, probably because their bottom half (roots) never has the time to catch up with their top half once they get out into the field and have more space and sunshine.

We have been having a wonderful time with the Aussies. The weather has put a damper on their stay as well, but they have been great sports about it. We attended a Dayton Dragons game, which I found preferable to the Cincinnati Reds. Of course it is closer for us to go to Dayton, but the venue is wonderful with everything being so close to the playing field.

We tried Tecumseh, missed the backstage tour due to detours, late arrivals for the bus, a grain

wagon, and some time spent trying to fix the bus air conditioning. That left us with an extra hour to mill around the facility. We took our seats and the show started promptly at 8:00. At 8:05, the heavens opened up and the show was cancelled at around 8:45. Everyone actually endured everything with smiles and enthusiasm, and were troopers through the entire ordeal.

In between the side trips, the student contingent has been playing boys' basketball and girls' soccer against area high school teams. They seem to have been enjoying that tremendously as well. This morning the group is off to Kings Island and the Shouvlin's, minus Tim, will be bringing up the rear in our van.

If you are interested in attending any games, there is a schedule on the exchange website at [www.springfieldsistercities.com](http://www.springfieldsistercities.com). They will play on Friday and Saturday and then start on there long chain of flights home on Sunday to return to school and work.

They have 4 terms per school year and between all of the terms is a 2 week break, except for the break at Christmas time which lasts 6 weeks. Christmas break for them, of course is in their summer time, so this works quite well. The Goodwins get 4 weeks of paid vacation per

### OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY**

**JULY 19TH**

**11:00 TO 4:00**

**WAGON RIDES**

**GRILLED FOODS**

**ALPACAS**

**ALSO CHEESE &**

**HOMEMADE SOAPS**

**HOPEFULLY BUFFALLO**

**MEAT AND MORE**

year in addition to the National Holidays of which there are 5 or 6. So not too different all in all.

Nothing new or unusual in the boxes this week to comment on. Please remember to return your boxes to the pickup locations and to treat them gently so that we can use them for several years! We are looking forward to seeing everyone next weekend! Enjoy your week!

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#### *This Week's Box*

**Lettuce  
Broccoli  
Walla Walla Onions  
Garlic  
Squash?**

#### *Next Week*

**Onions  
Lettuce  
Squash  
Cabbage**