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HALLELUJAH, 1.8 INCHES OF RAIN!

Saturday, the skies finally answered our request for a good soaker, and how wonderful it was! We irrigate, of course, but nothing matches a good soaker. Tim is still running the irrigation equipment since we have been operating at such a deficit and the forecasters are still calling for long dry spells. Rain scheduled for today appears to have gone south of us, so it will be a while before we get another "toad strangler".

The cool nights seem to be stunting the crops a bit. There are some green beans in your box, but there should be more by now. The broccoli is also taking its sweet time. The florets are still small. Perhaps the cool nights we have been enjoying are interfering a bit, or perhaps it is the variety. Tim decided to try a new highly touted variety this year. Don't think he will fall for that next winter when it's time to order seed.

We are starting to spruce things up around the farm for the Open House.

Someone emailed requesting that they come and set up, and I accidentally deleted their email address. Please contact me if you are interested in coming with your wares. We have some folks coming with some alpaca crafts and yarn and welcome more.

Everyone is invited to explore the farm. We will have the horse drawn wagon to take folks out to the fields of veggies. We do offer handicap parking. Our kids will be making hotdogs and buffalo burgers for sale, and we will also have some snacks and drinks. You are welcome to bring guests along with you. Bug Repellent, Sunscreen, and Comfy Shoes are highly recommended!

The cucumbers have started to yield now and if you have never had a cucumber sandwich, give it a try. Bread, a bit of mayonnaise, and sliced cucumber are all you need, although some will add some cream cheese as well, which is certainly tasty. Very simple, and very good.

Since there aren't a

bunch of beans this week, I would recommend either adding them to a stir fry, or blanching them in boiling water to bring out their color and soften them just a bit and adding them to a salad. These should be stringless beans, but I still snap each, for every once in a while, you will find a tough one with a string along its length. You want to snap off the stem end and just leave the opposite end alone. There will be more beans in a about 2 weeks when our second planting kicks into gear.

The CSA is running very well thanks to all of you. Folks seem to be doing quite well returning their boxes and we appreciate that. Those of you that are on the payment program should have made 2 payments so far totaling \$260. If you haven't made that payment, please mail it in soon.

If there is a time that you can't pick up your box, you are welcome to have someone else do that for you, and if you are going to be out of town and miss it altogether, we encourage you to have someone else enjoy it.

Sadly, someone dropped off 3 kittens one Friday 2 or 3 weeks ago. Only one of them remains. One was accidentally bush-hogged in the high grass and the other most likely has been eaten by our resident coyotes. Please do not

WE STILL HAVE A FEW SHARES AVAILABLE THIS SEASON. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT US. WE WILL PRORATE THE FEE ACCORDING TO HOW MANY BOXES THEY HAVE MISSED

dump your unwanted pets. I know that times are tough, but please be kind enough to take them to the humane society.

We hope to see you at the Open House! In the meantime, have a great weekend and EAT YOUR VEGETABLES!

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, July 25th
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Invite your friends, neighbors, and family.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
Alpaca Products
Buffalo Burgers
Cheeses
Buffalo Meat
Jewelry

This Week's Box

Lettuce
Onions
Summer Squash
Cucumber
Green Beans
Garlic

Next Week

Lettuce
Onions
Broccoli
Summer Squash
Cucumbers
Cabbage?