

# The Farm Weekly

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## ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE TOMORROW

Between raindrops, we have been sprucing up the farm in preparation for the Open House tomorrow. We may not get everything done that we had hoped to accomplish, but that will probably matter more to us than to you folks. We are very excited to have Pete and Judy Klein, some alpaca friends of ours coming to share their wares. Judy is an exquisite knitter and even if you don't buy any of her hand made items, you will enjoy seeing the artistry. A CSA member's jewelry making friend, Amber Nichols, will also have her handcrafted silver and bead items for sale.

The folks who brought their buffalo meat last year are too busy to make it to the Open House and we have been unable to reach the Mohrs who brought the soaps and cheese last year. We do have the horse drawn wagon coming, which I think is probably the most popular part of the day.

Those of you look-

ing for some additional motivation to come to visit our area might be interested in attending the Clark County Fair which will be starting on Saturday morning. Hannah will be exhibiting on Monday morning with one of our alpacas in the alpaca and llama portion of the fair.

Luke, Ian and Luke's buddy Ethan will be manning the grill cooking the hot dogs and buffalo burgers to perfection. Hannah and Nicky will be in charge of sales that will include the aforementioned grilling products as well as chips, cookies, drinks, and freshly swiped honey. Yes, Tim stole honey this week from one of the hives, so we will have that for sale as well.

For directions to the farm please visit our website. Google, map quest, etc all get us wrong, so please don't rely on them, go to our website instead. **ALSO NOTE THAT DERR ROAD IS COMPLETELY CLOSED TO OUR IMMEDIATE NORTH. YOU**

**MUST COME TO THE FARM FROM THE SOUTH ON DERR ROAD FROM VILLA ROAD, NOT ST. RT. 334 OR MOOREFIELD ROAD.**

The tomatoes are just starting to ripen up, so we were able to pick some for the boxes, but there weren't enough this week to have them in every box, but next week will be different. Tim is a bit antsy about the tomatoes. The cool weather is not what tomatoes like, and after a disappointing tomato season last year, he is uneasy.

We are excited to have the first of the potatoes. Because there are very few things that are better than newly dug potatoes, we encourage you to eat these practically naked. Just steam them, lightly dress them with some butter or olive oil and salt. Because these were just dug this week, they are not cured and must be refrigerated if you don't eat them right away.

The cool weather that the tomatoes shun is favored by the broccoli and cauliflower. They are finally achieving maturity. The cauliflower is self blanching in that its leaves hide the florets from the sun to keep it white. Those spots where the sun has kissed the head will have some green tints, but this should not affect the flavor at all.

While the veggies certainly loved the 2.25

inches of rain that fell yesterday, Tim loved it even more! It takes about an hour each day to move the irrigation equipment around and for the first time in more than a month, he can finally take a breather for a few days.

We look forward to having folks visit with the alpacas. We have two females that are due to deliver any day, so perhaps we will have a delivery for some to watch. We have two crias (baby alpacas are called crias) in the past couple of weeks, so they will be there for everyone to greet.

If you enjoy corn hole, we will have our set available for competition.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow. Drive safely!

**OPEN  
HOUSE  
THIS  
WEEKEND**  
Saturday, July 25th

**11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Invite your friends,  
neighbors, and family.**

**Horse Drawn  
Wagon Rides**

**Alpaca Products**

**Buffalo Burgers**

**Jewelry**

**Honey**

### *This Week's Box*

**Lettuce  
Onions  
Summer Squash  
Cucumber  
Cauliflower?  
Broccoli  
Potatoes  
Tomatoes?**

### *Next Week*

**Lettuce  
Onions  
Broccoli  
Summer Squash  
Cucumbers?  
Tomatoes  
Cauliflower?  
Potatoes**