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THREE MORE BOXES TO GO

It certainly doesn't feel as though fall is here and it's hard to believe that cold weather is just around the corner. It would be typical to have had a frost or two by now. In spite of that, the last box delivery will be on October 26th, even though it feels like we could continue for another 2 months if we were to rely on the thermometer.

The temperatures may be higher than normal, but the sun is lower in the sky, and the days are shorter, so the plants are slowing in response.

Fortunately the potato digger parts arrived from Michigan and it was back to work at the start of the week. Technically the harvested potatoes could be labeled new potatoes since they are fresh dug, but that would be pushing it a bit.

They really haven't been officially cured, but the ground has done that for

us, so they can be kept in a cool, dark, and dry place just like those purchased from the store. Just check them every once in a while and if you see one going bad, remove it.

We have reached a critical point with the boxes. Way too many folks are forgetting to return their boxes and each week we have been returning to the farm 50 or 60 short. It is imperative that we get your boxes back and if this is a problem for you to remember to do so, please transfer your vegetables into some other container like a plastic laundry basket or the plastic bags from the grocery.

If you forgot to bring your empty box back this week, or if you have any left at home, please bring them back within the next few days to your pick up location, so that we can have it to refill next week.

I know that it probably sounds rather silly since

**PLEASE RETURN
ALL OF YOUR BOXES
THIS WEEK
WE NEED THEM!**

these are only cardboard boxes, but at over \$1 per box, it certainly adds up and we don't want to have to order a batch of 1000 this late in the season knowing that we have plenty out there.

Tim has been working on wiring that will allow us to plug the truck in so that its cooler can run all night on electricity not its diesel engine. The vegetable production this summer has come very close to exceeding the capacity of the cooler.

This will allow us to use the truck for a cooler along with out cooler in the sales building. We really only need the space on Wednesday and Thursdays. I bet that right after he finishes the project the average high daily temperatures will finally come back down to normal for the season.

Reservations were made today for Marco, Hanter, and Pedro's return to Mexico. They fly out of Dayton on the 26th of this month and land in Guadalajara 8 or 9 hours later. They will then have to drive a few

hours to their home near the Pacific coast.

Meanwhile, the Shouvlin's will stay in Ohio enduring the cold temperatures, breaking the ice out of water buckets, and trying to get something done donned in heavy Carharts. Mexico or Ohio in winter... it seems as though the Shouvlin's might want to rethink their strategy!

Tim has added radicchio to the bags of lettuce. This red and white plant is usually eaten raw in salad adding a bit of bite along with a different flavor. Store and prepare it as you would lettuce.

The green Yukina Savoy is just a bit darker than the Komatsuna. Treat it just as you would any other greens like the spinach which has finally made it into the boxes. As a cool weather crop, it really hasn't had the best of weather to come on strong, so this may be the only harvest, which disappoints Tim tremendously.

So that's about it for this week. Have a fun week-end and stay healthy!

This Week's Box

Onions
Spinach
Sweet Dumpling
Squash
Tomatoes
Green Peppers
Potatoes
Radicchio
Yukina Savoy
Lettuce
Arugula

Next Week

Lettuce
Onions
Tomatoes
Garlic
Green Peppers
Potatoes
Butternut Squash
Greens
Leeks