



The Farm at Miller's Crossing

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Winter Squash and onions in our pole Barn

From the farmers...

In the month of September, one of the most frequently asked questions we get here at the farm is "How is the harvest going?", as if we just started to pick our crops. My first response is always, "we have been harvesting greens and fresh produce since May!"

While it is true that our farm is harvesting most of the growing season, the bounty in September and October is truly exceptional.

For the next 8 weeks, our most difficult task will be getting all the crops into proper storage and off to "market." Carrots, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, beets, celeriac, turnips, winter squash, garlic; the list of root and storage crops is long. Not to mention the normal selection of greens, bunched items, tomatoes and eggplant; managing the abundance is our main task.

Three to four weeks ago however, this was not the case. There was not a feeling of abundance, in fact, due to the heavy rains and intermittent hot and dry spells, there were still many open questions about how our fall season would end up.

For the month of August we had to continue to pour our

resources into ensuring that these important crops were properly taken care. Many of the above mentioned crops were still not ripe, they still needed to be weeded, and in many cases irrigated.

Well, here we are in the second week of September and I have that lovely fall feeling of abundance! Now and for the next two months, we will slowly distribute these crops to you in weekly installments.

What should you expect? Well, there will be winter squash most weeks, along with an assortment of root crops, as well as tomatoes while they last. There will be lots of fresh greens right up to the end, so do not put away your salad dressing just because it is getting cooler. The greens actually prefer the cooler nights and heavy dew of the fall.

Enjoy the share **get ready for lots more food!**

Sincerely, Chris

Next week will publish storage recommendations to help you know how to best store the crops that are coming up

Also our annual Fall Storage crop sale is coming on Saturday November 1st Mark you calendars and remember...we offer free storage in our coolers so you can eat local all year long