



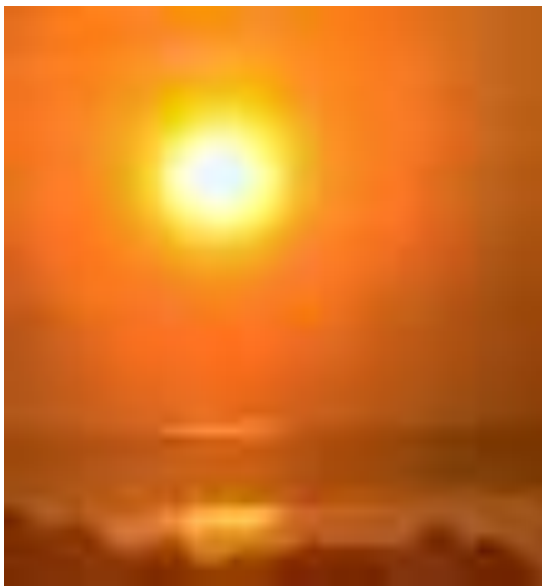
# The Farm at Miller's Crossing

Week of July 5th 2010

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From the Farmers

I am a weather watcher—I am constantly checking the 7-day forecast to prepare myself and the farm for coming growing conditions. The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather forecast has had to employ new graphics for this current hot streak—A blazing orange sun with red lettering saying HOT.



NOAA'S new photo icon

Obviously this heat wave has a big impact on our business—besides uncomfortable working conditions, the heat stresses the vegetables, burns the pastures, and stresses the cows as well.

What a difference from last year! I do not recall a single day in the 90's last summer, and here we've had a solid week of it already, and this is our second wave of heat this season. You just never know which way things will go.

While most things are struggling in the 95 degree-plus heat, there are some veggies which actually thrive in the heat—tomatoes, squash, zucchini, and melons to name a few. Our tomatoes are not yet ready, maybe 3-4 more weeks, but this heat will definitely bring them on faster, so there is some good to come out of all of this!

In order to relieve the stress on the plants we are watering as much as possible, and with diesel and gas powered pumps, the cost adds up quick. But there is no choice—without water, plants perish—plain and simple.

We are thankful for our stream, for the equipment that we have that makes getting water out to the crops a possibility, and especially for our employees who work in this heat with smiles and good cheer.

Stay Cool, Chris



Kids enjoying field fresh zucchini and Cucumbers!!!