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July 4th week schedule will be the same as usual. If you wish to change your pickup day, please let us know ahead of time. (This goes for any week – we can accommodate only if you call ahead)

Members coming on the wrong day: We are pretty flexible the first two weeks of CSA, but we will no longer be able to give shares to people who come on the wrong days, unless you call ahead. We prefer a couple of days notice, but in the event that you just forgot to come, as soon as you realize it, call us, even late Thursday or on Friday morning. We can save a Wed share for you. **If you have a fruit share**, you must let us know one week ahead if you need to change your pickup day.

Payments: still over 60% of people behind in their June 15th payments. **Please** don't make me spend another Sunday afternoon sending out emails. Figure out how to keep track. We need the money for farm expenses and payroll for 13 employees.

In the bags: Yes! **Carrots!** The first crop is small, as heavy rains at the end of April caused poor germination, but the ones that grew are wonderful. The same thing happened to the second crop as well. It seemed like as soon as it dried out enough to seed carrots, the rain clouds come in and let loose for a couple of weeks. But still a great treat! I believe this is the earliest that we have had carrots in the shares.

You will notice the seasonal changes in the produce over the next several weeks. If you haven't had time to walk the farm, try to do it. The first crop of corn is over a foot high, the summer squash is blooming, tomatoes are already getting tied up and pruned. And if you walk over to the north property (behind where the horses are) you will see a field of those beautiful dark green onions leaves, peas in full bloom, and fields of winter squash. This is a good way to educate kids – when they see the plants in the small stage, they look forward to eating them.

And it's real quiet out there – just sit down and look at the sky.

Farms for Life - linking local farms with those in need of healthy food

Beginning this week, we will have a **silent auction event** at The Root Connection in support of **Farms for Life charity**. This charity was started three years ago by Root Connection members and local farmers. For the complete story, visit **www.farms4life.org**. In those three years we have tripled the amount of fresh produce from local farms that has been donated to various agencies and food banks that serve people in need of more nutritious food. By obtaining this produce directly from 5 local farms, we are helping them stay in business and protect local farmland. That amount of produce is enough to provide appx. 130,000 meals of vegetables to children and adults who otherwise do not have access.

If you are interested in supporting Farms for Life, you can **support one of the events** we have throughout the year or **donate on-line or at The Root Connection**. This charity is listed on the **Microsoft Gift Match**, so if you are an employee, the company will double your donation. We also are registered with **Puget Consumers Co-Op Scrip program**, where (at no cost to you) you can shop with one of our Scrip cards and PCC donates 5% of whatever you spend throughout the years to Farms for Life. It's a gift that just keeps giving. See farmstore personnel to obtain a Scrip Card, or give us your mailing address and we'll send you one. We also have a **donation jar** at the front desk in the store – putting in change or a dollar or two really adds up over the weeks, especially when you know that it only takes about 30 cents to provide a child with life-giving fresh vegetables.

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