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Sorry to start out with a negative, but we had quite a fiasco last wed/thurs pickup, when about 20 fri/sat pickup members (as near as I can figure) came for their share on wed or thurs and did not call ahead. (thanks to all of you who did!) Unfortunately, I don't really have a way of discovering this, until we start running out of after hours bags on Thursday. So last Thursday afternoon, I got home from a medical appointment (after which I was supposed to "rest"), and instead, had to go get produce, pack more bags, etc. up until 8PM, as we kept running out of them. I start work at 6 AM, and our crew leaves at 3:00, so no one else to do it.

We like people to let us know at least a couple of days ahead when they need to make a pickup day change, but even if you forget, if you PLEASE call even if that same day (during our working hours), we can make adjustments. Program the farm phone # into your phone. You can call anytime day or night. If you don't call, and come for your share anyway, you are taking someone else's and causing a real hardship for us.

With school starting and a holiday weekend coming up, please keep this in mind!

On a brighter note, the **corn** was really good! As of this writing, I don't know how much corn we will have this week, as we are picking out the last of that crop. After that, the Honey Treat corn will be next, and I'm hoping that it will be ripe for next week which is the week before Labor Day. But no way to guarantee that.

CROP REPORT: Onions will be picking the last of them for shares. There will be no big reserve of onions to give out in Sept/Oct like we had last year. After we planted them this year, we had that record heavy rain in early May which set up some rot in the onions, and we have only about half of them that were good to harvest.

Carrots and beets are going strong, the **fall greens** are big enough to weed now so should be **open around mid-Sept**. All the other fall crops like kohlrabi and turnips have been planted.

The **Chard** is magnificent – this is a good time to grab an extra bunch each week and **freeze some**. For instructions on freezing any kind of greens, go to the RC website, click on "recipes" and select "greens".

Home gardeners: If you are growing your own tomato plants, **you need to start pruning them** to avoid being left with a lot of green or immature tomatoes that may never ripen. It is hard to imagine (with all our great warm weather) that this will happen sooner than later. What to do: cut off all new growth beyond any blossom clusters that already have tiny tomatoes forming. Do not fertilize, and cut down on the watering – just enough to keep them alive. You need to make them think that they are going into their end-of-life stage so they will put more energy into ripening up the fruit then producing new growth.

Peaches by the box: Hopefully the cling-free will be available starting next week. If they are, I will order some boxes and then let people know.

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