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When will the season end? last harvest is Oct 22/23 and Oct 24/25

Keep coming – lots of good harvests in Sept and Oct.

PUMPKINS: Are ready for u-pick. We have cut the stems off the vines.

Caution- stems have little stickers so be careful with little hands! **LIMIT is __4__ PER MEMBERSHIP (FOR THE SEASON, NOT PER WEEK)** If you **share with someone**, take 2 for each party. Pumpkins ripened earlier this year, so don't wait too long. **Everyone needs to get theirs in the next two weeks.**

DROP SITES: we cannot deliver pumpkins. Good time to come out and get greens too!

NOTE: we try to keep some wheelbarrows just outside the side door of the store – take one with you as the pumpkins are bigger than usual. If you are not physically able to go out to the pumpkin patch, let staff know. We have some pumpkins up here for that purpose. And if you are here today but cannot take your pumpkins, or you want to wait till your kids are with you, yes, it is ok to come back on an alternate day.

ALERT: there has been a lot of theft of farm crops from farms in the valley. (Especially easy to sell things like tomatoes and pumpkins. So far we have been lucky. But if you see anything unusual at all, please let staff know right away. And, a reminder to keep valuables with you or well hidden in your car – we already had 2 instances of purses getting stolen from cars in our parking lot this year.

PRESEASON SIGNUPS: are available as paper in the store, and on-line.

WINTER SHARE SIGNUPS: paper copies in store, will be up on the website soon that you can download.

NOTE that there is not credit card order system for Winter shares, have to pay by check.

APPLE AND POTATO BOX ORDERS will be available next week. We are just waiting for Braeburn and Jonagold crops to come in and prices to stabilize. Same for potatoes.

HONEY CRISPS we do have now. I was able to buy direct from an Organic grower on those, so the price is really good – the price may have to go up when we run out of these

We have a good crop of winter squash this year- however, the favorite **Kabocha** did not yield as much and the squashes were not as big. This also happened to the **Acorn**. Why? Both of those are an early bearing type which also means they bloom earlier than other squashes. They will bloom and set baby squash beginning in early July while the weather is still relatively cool. Normally, this is a good thing for our climate. When the weather turns hot, they stop. So that's what happened this year – less blossoms, less squash. I noticed this a few years ago when we had a real early hot spell. This year I think we have about half the amount of squash we would have expected. However, the **spaghetti** squash liked the weather as did the **Honey Boat**, and, surprise! We have a really nice crop of butternut! Normally hard to get ripe in our climate, it looks like it's going to cure up really well in the hoop house. We picked it last week when the temps began to drop at night.

Tomatoes are still kicking out ripening tomatoes but not in the same quantities, so we are alternating regular and cherry types between the Wed and Fri groups like we did at the beginning of the season. Also we are picking them firmer now, otherwise they will start cracking while still on the vine cause of lower nite temps.

More later-