

Rain, Rain, Go away...

I almost whisper this song as we DO need the rain. Our lakes, rivers, ponds and water table are desperately in need of every drop.

But, right now, our garden has all it can take! These rainy days have kept us from planting and weeding in the garden like we'd like.

We're a little behind in getting things into the ground, but most of these plants are growing nicely in the greenhouse.

Hopefully, with a little sunshine and drying weather this weekend, we'll catch up.

In between the rain and sometimes in it, we have put down drip tape and biodegradable plastic mulch for the tomato beds. The tomato plants have also been planted. We have not used the black plastic mulch and drip-tape before. We're excited to see how it goes. We haven't been fans of the mulch in the past because of all the left-over plastic that needed to be disposed of. So we were happy to find the bio-degradable type.

We're excited to be less than a month away from having produce ready! Mike's been cleaning out the garage/packing shed and planning how to most efficiently design our packing layout. We're almost double what we were last year, so we need more room for the boxes. We are also hosting a field day on the 22nd for area people who are interested in this type of farming. It's a great way for us to learn and have others learn right along with us. (It's also good motivation to get some of the cleaning jobs done!)

I'm working on a "recipe" link for our website (With a lot of help from my friendly web designer). If you have any recipes using garden produce that you love and would like to share, please e-mail them to me and I'll be happy to add them to the website. It's a great way to add to the community of the CSA.

Next week, I will have a schedule ready for those of you getting 1/2 shares. I will try to e-mail it out as well as put it on the Website. If you aren't paid in full for your share yet, please note that the final payment is due July 1st. If you can't remember what you still owe, please call or e-mail and I'll be happy to let you know the total.

I'll be talking to Heather at Farm Sweet Farm this week and setting up a delivery date for beef and chickens. I'll let you know what we come up with. I believe she has some of each left, so if you haven't ordered yet and

would like to, please do as soon as possible.

Have a great, sunny rest of the week!

Jody and Mike