

June Newsletter

Things are really busy around the farm now! We're planting, weeding and watering daily. Today we transplanted in the first of our sweet corn. We also spent a lot of time weeding the onions, beans and potatoes.

We are at war with the potato bugs. They are on the potatoes and the eggplant. They seem to especially like the eggplant. First we picked the adults we saw. Now we are picking the adults and destroying (squishing) any eggs we find. Every time we think we've made some strides, we find them in a new section. We're ready to bring on the big guns soon though. We've got an organic pesticide we will be using when the weather conditions are just right. It can't be too windy or rainy. It's one of the few times we use a spray. We don't like to do it, but as of yet, we haven't found any natural predator of these things. (Other than us.) The chickens and our one surviving guinea hen turn their noses up at them.

The weather has been wonderful. We can always use more rain, but we're grateful for what we've gotten so far. The warm temps have been wonderful for everything. Someone recently asked Jonas, our 3 year old, what the tallest plants in our garden are, and his response was, "the weeds". Over all, I'm pretty impressed with how well we've been able to stay on top of the weeding. But, since he's not very tall, I can see his point.

We're managing to get everything done thanks to these late sunlit evenings and our wonderful employee Davy. She's been a huge help. There's always more to do though and we've never turned a volunteer away yet. So if you'd like to volunteer for an hour or more, let us know. It's good for the body and the soul.

The kids are almost done with school and we're looking forward to having them around all the time. There's a lot of fun, learning and relaxing that happens for them around here during the summer.

In the next few weeks we'll be letting you know more details about pick up sites, times and what weeks those of you getting 1/2 shares can expect your produce. Stay in touch by checking this web site. Please call or e-mail anytime you have a question.

Until next time,
Mike and Jody