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Farm News

Well, we are definitely starting the week of the 19th, so we should see you next week. It's been our toughest spring ever, but we are making progress now that the monsoons have stopped. An inch a week is all we ask, and sun the rest of the time!

No interns this season (at least not yet). Our daughter, Michalle, & Mike & I are it, aside from our nephews who will be working part-time. Hopefully our granddaughter, Maggie will reprise her role as chief egg cleaner. Member Anna Barker will be back to help with the newsletter on a part time basis and member Dani Battle is planning on getting more involved this year with recipes. I can't believe this will be volume 9! We really should try to get those old back issues together. We'll try to post this year's on the website in a timely fashion.

As always, we encourage you to consider this "your farm" and to come visit anytime. Directions can be seen at our website at bearhillfarmcsa.com. I've trimmed the established plants in the pick-your-own herb bed and planted some more. The chickens are laying so we have eggs for sale now. We were planning on raising some more pigs like last year and have just moved the babies to a new pen on the top of the hill. Old members will be impressed with the new land we've cleared.

Homeless Shelter

For the past few years members have contributed towards donating shares to the Pawtucket House, a family shelter in Lowell. Some members in the past have donated full shares, but we also take donations of any amount to add together to make up shares as well. We can provide you with the info so that it will be tax deductible. We haven't had any donations this season yet.

Pick-up

The first pick up is the week of June 19th, rain or shine as always. We don't take holidays off either. We will try make up for the late start in the fall. At the beginning there won't be a lot, and there may be some short weeks even after we've started, but, as soon as the warm weather sets in things will pop out of the ground. Pick-up is any time between 3 and 7 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Feel free to call if you don't remember which pick-up day you've chosen. If you go on vacation & would like to switch your day for a week PLEASE let us know a week ahead of time. It would be great if you could limit your switching, too. That way we won't waste your veggies if you don't show up on your assigned day. We can't donate shares to the shelter that aren't picked up because we have no way of getting them there unless we know a week ahead.

The only rule is no dogs, please. While our farm dog, Missy, might enjoy the company, there are too many small children. Speaking of which, please make sure they are extra careful around the road since some people drive fast. There is also quite a bit of poison ivy on the farm, adjacent to paths, particularly on stone walls. Be careful!

The farm stand is up a short path next to the shop on the same side of the road as the house. All you have to do is read the board to see what a full share is and chose your veggies. We have a full share listed, so people who split shares should pick out a whole share and then divide it up to prevent confusion. If your share partner is also coming to the farm separately make sure their bag is labeled so they know it's theirs and feel free to leave them notes on the sign in sheet.

Please bring your own plastic or cloth bags since the veggies are often wet. We'll also take your clean

cardboard egg cartons to reuse. Looking forward to seeing you soon!