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THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF CSA PICKUP FOR 2013. Winter shares start next Friday, Nov 1st. Still time to get signed up for winter shares if you get it in this week. And if you've forgotten to get your Preseason sign up in and still want to, you can do that too!



Most of our 2013 crew L-R: Keegan (Asst.Field Mgr), Claire (Gen. Mgr), Phyllis (Stephanie's Mom), Cliff, Joe (Field Mgr.), Stephanie, Crystal, Joshua, Rita, Dang, Dave, Karen (Greenhouse Mgr.), George. Not in picture: Jeff (Farm Foreman), Neng, Choa, Cha, and all our wonderful volunteers.

On behalf of our whole crew, we thank you for being part of The Root Connection CSA this year. The enthusiasm of our members is what keeps us going. We are proud to be able to bring you the best food we can grow, and be a small part of your family's health. Seeing children growing up eating healthy food is wonderful.

Going into the "off-season" will be an adjustment from daily operations to planning for next season. Jeff and I both work year round, but I will certainly enjoy cutting my weekly hours down from 50 to 30, and spending time doing other things! Out will come the field maps, seed catalogues, budget sheets, greenhouse planning sheets, and the dreaded COGs (cost of production) spreadsheets (that one is over 60 pages- yikes). The COG sheets are linked together, so I can plug in changes in costs from year to year in things like average labor, fuel, equipment repairs, etc, etc, and it all translates into exactly how much it cost to grow each and every item for the CSA. Jeff will be doing all needed repairs and equipment maintenance, dredging drainage ditches, and looking for those sweet spots in weather during February when he can get the cover crops tilled in in some of the drier areas in preparation for the first plantings. In just 4 months, the rest of the crew starts coming back, and it begins all over!

Please vote yes on I-522 to require labeling of GMO ingredients in our food. So we can finally be informed like the rest of the "developed" world (and many "under-developed" nations too) that have either banned GMO products or require labeling. This will be at least a step in stopping the destruction of our health, our food supply, and the world's seed supply. Even if you aren't fully convinced that GMOs are harmful, do you want to experiment on your own children? Or do you want the right to have a choice?

See you next Spring!