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When will the season end? last harvest is Oct 23/24 and Oct 25/26

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 3 PER MEMBERSHIP (FOR THE SEASON, NOT PER WEEK)** If you **share with someone**, you'll have to share the pumpkins. 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!

Kabocha Winter Squash This squash makes wonderful flavorful pies, soups, or anything else you want to do with it. Try mashed squash instead of potatoes. The skin is tough which makes it hard to cut up. My hint: take a sharp steak knife and carve holes here and there in the skin with the tip of the knife, making sure you reach the flesh. Then put it in the oven, microwave, or steam just long enough so the skin gets a little soft, and then you can cut it open and take out the seeds and pulp, and then cut up and cook. It freezes well too, but cook it a little first, then freeze.

APPLE BOX ORDERS: See order form now in the farmstore. We will have Honey Crisp, Jonagold and Braeburn. The Jonagold and Braeburns are good for cooking as well as fresh eating.

POTATO BOX ORDERS: Available now for Yukon and Red. Boxes are 50lbs. (47lb net)

WINTER SHARES: Forms now available. Winter shares start in November and consist of both veggies and fruit. Note the deadline is Oct 22nd for me to have the forms and payment in my possession. If you mail it in, allow for that. Winter share payments are not available on our credit system. You can post-date checks if necessary. **Note on electronic checks:** please send in a paper form too – this is what I use to order from. If you don't send in a form, I have to make one up for you. If you lose your form, they are available on the website.

PRESEASON SIGNUP FORMS for 2014 CSA season. Now available in paper at the farmstore, also on the website, (can print out form or use the credit system). Deadline is Oct 15 to get those great discounts. There is also a 3 payment plan available. Save money and pay by paper or electronic check.

FALL U-PICK GREENS:– pick now and freeze for winter eating! Don't know how? Go to www.rootconnection.com, click on "recipes", select "Greens" and you will find instructions. With a package of freezer bags (make sure to use that kind) and some effort, you can save a whole bunch of money and have fresh-tasting greens to eat all winter! Done properly, frozen greens from the farm taste fresher than store-bought greens grown in California in the winter! I usually eat my last packages of frozen greens in May, just before our spring u-picks are ready.

Picking limit for each week: 10 stems of each kind per membership per week. That means you can pick 10 stems (leaves) of collards, plus 10 of curly kale, plus 10 of mustards, etc. If you have a share partner and alternate weeks, you can pick your full allotment each time you come. If you split with your partner each week, you can only pick half the amount. So that's a lot of greens! Freeze some of them every week and you'll have a good winter supply.

Note: although the amount of greens you can pick is generous and more than you can eat fresh in a weeks time, please don't use this as a way to feed all your friends. They are not paying for a share, and it does cost the farm money to grow them. If you don't want to freeze them, just pick what you can use and leave the rest for our other members. **Greens will remain in the fields even after the farm closes, and members can still come and pick.**