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Dear Members *Reminder: CSA and Fruit share payments due on the 15th* June 25, 2014

Before we get to the good news, a couple of issues: **Children – please keep an eye on them.** Don't let them turn hose faucets or sprinklers on or off. Someone has been cutting some of the orange twine supports in our tomato houses. I suspect an older child, as real young one probably would not be able to do that. It has happened two weeks in a row, and creates hours of unnecessary work for us to re-string.

In the Shares: snap peas for everyone. Do not shell – this type is meant to be eaten pod and all. If you want to cook them, just a quick saute with a little sprinkle of garlic salt and soy sauce is great! And, as with any thing that goes into your mouth, rise them off before eating.

Yes, it's really true! The first crop of basil is ready for U-pick. We will be planting 2 more hoop house of basil timed so we can alternate between the houses and should always have some basil available. There is Italian, Thai and lemon.

Quantity limits: Pick only what you need weekly basis. **The limit is up to 3 cups per week per membership.** This means that if you are sharing your share, pick half of that or if you are alternating weeks with a partner, pick only on your weeks. For the lemon and Thai varieties, pick a small amount.

Cilantro and dill is also ready – it's not real tall, so cut small clumps off at ground level. Be conservative so everyone can get some.

The **summer squash** is starting to set little squashes, and getting into its heavy blooming phase, I suspect the winter squash and pumpkins will not be far behind. So PLEASE, **no picking of blossoms on either the pumpkin or squash plants!** No exceptions! Bees are in short supply for farmers everywhere, and we need all the blossoms, even the male ones. Besides, there is no U-Pick sign, right?

FARMS FOR LIFE events fundraisers going on now. Farms for Life is a non-profit formed by some of our Root Connection members. Right now there is an outdoor gourmet dinner to be held at the Woodinville Lavender Farm on July 8th. See info in farmstore or order tickets at www.woodinvillelavender.com. Also we are starting a raffle with three great prizes! Tickets and info are on display at Root Connection.