

Hello Folks, We received  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch of rain last week, enough to help some seeds to germinate but not enough to supply large, rapidly growing plants with the water that they need. There is not much precipitation forecast, so we continue to move the sprinklers around the fields. The mild temperatures are certainly a blessing that minimizes the stress on the crops and my crew alike. Both the squash and cucumber production are in decline at present. We have another planting coming on in a few weeks, in the meantime we expect all groups to receive some of both over the next two weeks. The next big planting of corn will be maturing by the end of the week, so sweet corn will be in the shares for next week. One of our biggest challenges with the corn is keeping the critters from ravishing it. The racoons, opossums, and skunks all love sweet corn and can do a tremendous amount of damage. This patch is farther away from the woods, so I am hopeful that it will be easier to protect. It will be a colorful share for this week- the peppers are ripening rapidly now, with the cooler nights, and we have rainbow carrots.

The share will be: Swiss chard, colored peppers, rainbow carrots, beans, yellow onions, banana fingerling potatoes, either zukes or cukes, green or savoy cabbage, tomatoes, and choice of an herb (parsley, marjoram, thyme). Premium shares will also include basil and bok choi. Enjoy! Farmer John