

McDougal's Farm LLC

What's Growing On!

June 3rd, 2017

Farm News

***First veggie pick up will be this
Thursday, June 8th!**

Please read for pick up details

Welcome, welcome to our 2017 growing season!! We have been so busy focusing on playing catch up that we forget to check in once in a while to see what is going on behind us. It didn't take but a quick trip through the hoop houses to realize IT'S GO TIME!!!...holy hek! The romaine are huge and begging to be put into the cooler. Day temps have been way too hot in the hoop houses for them. The few radishes that found their way into my mouth were crispy and spicy sweet like none you'll ever find in a grocery store. Its time...finally. It's really going to happen after all.

We have to admit about a week and a half ago we thought we would be writing you guys a "Dear John" letter. With 6-1/2 inches of rain we weren't sure we were ever going to get back on the fields. And when it looked like maybe we could...it would rain again. But Jerry and I with our son Gyler and a little help from a couple volunteers made a tremendous push, and somehow we have managed not to be 3 weeks behind any more. Some of our seedlings will still be behind. This may cause a deficit in the boxes for week 5 and 6. It will still show up...just may be crammed in a later box:) So considering the crazy uncontrollable weather, I think we'll be OK. We still have to get all our squash, sweet corn and peppers in, and this year because of the wet soil conditions we have had to plant more seeds in the greenhouse to be transplanted out later. We can't control the weather...and shouldn't, but as your entrusted farmers, know we are doing everything possible on this end to make it another abundant McDougal veggie summer.

Jerry and I are so grateful for your ongoing support of our endeavors here on the farm and *for entrusting us with such an important element of your life....good, healthy food. It is absolutely instrumental to good health.*

Looking forward to an abundant year filled with peace, health, juicy tomatoes, sweet carrots, dark green spinach, crispy romaine...yum, can't wait!

Thank you for letting us be your farmers!!....what an honor

Jerry and Maydene

No delivery June 29th

There will be no box delivery June 29th to allow our fields to catch up this year. Hopefully everything will be back on track after that. The missed week will be added on at the end of the season, finishing October 12th. We will send you a reminder.

Pick-up and how it works

The first pick up is always the most exciting.... for us too. Finally after a long winter of wilted or no greens at all because you can't make yourself do it, the fresh greens start coming in. This is also the time when any mistakes on our part surface quickly...and any mistakes on your part, like taking the wrong size box, can cause great confusion at the end of the day and sometimes an extra trip to Rhinelander or Wausau for us. If you don't remember which drop site you chose or what size share you signed up for, please drop us an

email before this week's pick up date and we'll *gladly* get you squared away. **Remember: the Standard share is a white box and the Large share is the brown box.**

It is important you pick up your box the same day for 2 reasons: 1)shows respect and gratitude to your drop site host and 2)Your veggies will have optimum nutrition if picked up early, kept cool and used as soon as you can.

Following are the estimated drop-site pickup times:

Natural Living's- pick up between **1:00pm and 6pm**

Sweet Thyme Coffee Shop- pick up between **1:00pm and 6pm**

Center for Health and Performance (Antigo Hospital)-pick up between **1:30pm-8pm** or later if you are a member with a pass.

Bass Lake (the Don and Nancy Winter garage at W10760 Bass Lake Rd. Summit Lake area)-pick up between **1pm and 8:30pm**

Bessey's Meat Market (Rhineland- 1102 S. Oneida Ave) pick up between **2:45pm and 6pm- Best "Fathers Day" Brats ever!**

The Farm (W10835 Bluebell Rd. Deerbrook- *behind* the left of garage in walk-in tan cooler) pick up between **1:00pm.** (no earlier please, still packing and loading:), **till dark**

Red Clover Market (Weston-Wausau) pick up between **2:00pm and 6:00pm**

Patina Coffee House (downtown Wausau site) pick up between **2:00pm and 6:00pm**

When you pick up your box at your chosen drop site, you will notice a chart with your name on it (we hope), *please* remember to **check your name off.** This helps us figure out who forgot to pick theirs up. Standard shares will be in a **white box** and what most will get. The large shares will be in a **brown box.**

Make sure you take the size you signed up for, this will also be on the chart after your name, either marked with a **S** for standard or a **L** for Large. You will notice the boxes we use for the vegetables are waxed; this is to keep the veggies from dehydrating. They are costly so please keep them clean, discard the newspaper and **return them** to their pick up/drop off locations before or when you pick up the next time. As we drop off your next box, we will collect the previous week's box. Any notes or comments can also be put into the returning boxes. We are in need of **clean newspapers-no flyers please** to line the bottom of the boxes, if you have extra they can be put into the returning boxes also.

When you are going to be gone or on **vacation** please make arrangements to have a neighbor or friend pick up your vegetables so they don't go to waste or you may contact us ahead and we will drop your box of vegetables at Avail or an Assisted Living facility with a note of your donation. If a friend is picking them up for you, be sure to tell them what color box to pick up for you.

Have a question, request or a recipe you'd like to share? Throw it in your returning box or email us and we will answer it or share it in the next newsletter. We LOVE getting recipes that already has the thumbs up approval of one of our CSA members. Rhubarb is in the first box...anyone? A great salad dressing?

We will be **emailing the newsletters weekly**, this will save time, money and trees. We like to send these out Wednesday evening (sometimes late) before our Thursday delivery. This works well as a reminder and also lets you know what to expect in your box. We will still have a hard copy on every site so you will be able to read the newsletter if you wish before you leave the store/farm/lake. For those of you who do not have an email address, there will be extra copies for you at the pick- up sites with your name on. **If you have an email address, please leave the newsletters at the pickup sites for those who don't....big thanks.**

We will keep you all posted with any new updates. Otherwise look for an email next Wednesday evening to see "what's in the box"

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!

www.mcdougalsfarm.com On the site you will find answers to frequently asked questions, old newsletters, lots of pictures, recipes and more. The site is always changing with more being added all the time, so check in once in a while.