



The Farm at Miller's Crossing
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Lael, age 5, going to the 4 am Menands wholesale market with Daddy.

From the Farmers...

Well it has been quite a week. Christopher John was born on Friday just before noon. As with all of our children he came at a time when Chris was near by and able to get home in time ...always a concern that he would be off on a far away delivery and could miss the whole event. We are all thrilled with our new baby boy and feel infinitely blessed.

There is no stopping to smell the roses and so the work continues on here at an incredible pace. June should be re-named the "Month of the Weed". For it is during this month that the days reach their longest point and the mix of sun, moisture and new heat really get things growing...both good and bad. Though we know it is coming, it is impossible to get ahead of it, because the heat brings it on all at once. This weekend with mid-90's, thunder showers and humidity, you can almost hear the veggies growing!

The heat loving crops are relatively immune from the weed issue as most of them are grown on black plastic and mulched with the straw that we pictured in last

weeks newsletter. They will be happily growing at astounding rates, bringing them closer to harvest each day

It is our direct seeded crops that start off very small and grow steadily, but not quickly, that are the most susceptible to weed pressure at this time of year. As with everything in life, the timing of our efforts is the most important factor in the game of "the weed vs the farmers". If we get the weeds while they are small, the beets, swiss chard, carrots and mesclun will all be freed from the competition of their fast growing foes. Just one weeding by hand and a few more times by tractor and they will grow unimpeded—let's just hope everything goes according to plan!

Enjoy the harvest, Katie & Chris

Coming Soon...

**Snap Peas
&
Strawberries**

AnneMae and her new baby brother Christopher John

