



The Farm at Miller's Crossing
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From the farmers...

Chilly nights, sunny days, and the changing of the seasons...ahhh it's finally fall!

This is by far the most popular season here on the farm. The weather is just right for working. The vegetables thrive in the moderate temperatures, and do not need the constant irrigation and weeding. Besides the improved physical conditions of fall, there is the mental satisfaction that begins to settle in after a long season of hard work.

Since late February the farm has been in a constant production mode. Seedlings need to be planted, fields need to be tilled, and water needed to be delivered to the young and vulnerable plants. Now, those young and vulnerable plants are mature and ready for harvest.

The hay for our beef herd is stacked along the hedgerows, and our fall plantings of greens and bunching items are up and growing strong. The season is in the bag.

This is not say there is not a lot of work still to do, and probably still a few hot days scattered through the coming months. We feel very fortunate to have an occupation that allows for such finality and satisfaction. All the hard work and effort is realized in our fall harvest, and our winter rest--But let's not get ahead of ourselves, there are still thousands of pounds of crops to harvest, wash, and deliver!

Another satisfying aspect of our livelihood comes from customer appreciation. I do not know if this is a modern day

phenomena, but most of our customers express their sincere appreciation for what we do, and this is also very satisfying!

Whether it is the enthusiastic appreciation that is expressed at our CSA farm days and pick-ups, or the thankful farmer's market customers--we feel very lucky to hear the thanks we get for the food we grow.

This past Saturday, while the Hudson and Kinderhook farmer's markets were open, about 12 CSA members from Long Island City came here for a visit.

After a nice lunch we took a tour of the lower fields where fall greens are growing, and the members helped cut, sort and clean our garlic crop. Raspberries were picked, and a few brave souls even jumped in the chilly waters of the stream. After the farm visit was complete, the whole group came out to our pasture to assist in moving our beef herd from one pasture to another. Despite a couple of rogue calves who refused to cooperate, the mission was a success. More importantly, the whole group was able to watch and participate in an important farm activity.

While it was a busy day between farmers's markets and farm visits, and the normal Saturday harvesting, irrigating, and animal care, we really enjoyed showing these appreciative urban CSA members how our farm works.

While we are normally the recipients of the thank you's and appreciation, we want to take a moment and say "Thank You" for all your support and encouragement for what we do. Without you as a customer, our livelihoods would not be nearly as rich and fulfilling. We consider ourselves lucky to have such great people supporting us!

Sincerely, Chris

BULK SALE

Saturday November 1st
10am-2 pm

Come and stock up for the winter, store your veggies here in our cooler, and eat local all season