

# Pinehold Gardens *Field Notes*

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**Let us show you the way.** Anna is performing the full facile taste of strawberries like only kids can do. And Piper is letting us know that soil should be crumbly not chunky. And workershare members Aimee and Dave take advantage of the natural curve of garlic scapes in harvesting this year's crop.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE

We're pooped but feel a sense of accomplishment as we can honestly say that we are caught up with planting. There is a lot of weeding yet to do, but next week our full worker share crew, CSA members who work four hours a week in exchange for a CSA box, will be here to lend many helping hands.

## CSA SIGN UP STATUS

If you have not signed up but would still like to do so, we still have a few openings in our CSA program. This is the last newsletter you will be receiving if you will not be a member this year.

## FIELD NOTES

So far this growing season has been one of the most

difficult ones in our 23 years of farming. First there was the cold, wet cloudy Spring that we discussed in our last newsletter that delayed planting. We started planting and transplanting in earnest the last week of May only to have the weather switch to temps in the upper 80's and 90's with little rain and lots of dry winds during the first two weeks of June which led us to irrigating the young plants 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

But we have made incredible progress this last week finally finishing the spring planting of winter squash, melons, sweet potatoes, fall potatoes, the second planting of carrots, beets and beans, and the third planting of lettuce. Concurrently

we started the fall planting by transplanting brussels sprouts and seeding the trays of fall broccoli, kale, cabbage and cauliflower, which will be transplanted into the fields in three weeks.

Last night's 1.8 inches of rain and the more "normal" temperatures this coming week should help the plants make up for some of the lost time.

We estimate that most crops are two weeks behind where they normally are or should be.

## CSA START DATE

Our planned start to the season is July 5. If we need to start a week later we will still keep to an 18 week season.

An email will be sent

next week after we make the start date decision with your dropsite address, dropsite host contact information along with information on how the CSA works.

## FLOUR CSA

Our friend Charlie Tennesen of Anarchy Acres is growing and hand milling heritage wheat in Racine county and offering a **4 pound bag of whole wheat bread flour or all purpose whole wheat flour will be delivered to your dropsite each month, for a total of five months, for \$32.50.** If you are interested in signing up for the Anarchy Acres flour CSA, send us check made out to Anarchy Acres by July 1.