



Riverdog Farm

January 17, 2022

# Riverdog Farm Veggie Box News

## Box Contents:

1 bu Scarlet Queen Turnips  
2-3 heads Cauliflower or Broccoli  
2 lbs Navel Oranges from Blue Heron Farm, CCOF-certified Organic  
1 bu Nantes Carrots  
1 hd Napa Cabbage  
1 bu Green Garlic  
1 Spaghetti Squash

**Payment by mail is due by January 31th for February deliveries: All Boxes \$30**

Tuesdays: \$120

Wednesdays: \$120

Thursdays: \$120 Fridays:

\$120 Sat: \$120

Sun: \$120

**Thank you for your payment if already sent!**

2022 Quarterly Payment

Schedule: **1st Quarter**

Jan/Feb/March

Tues/Wed/Thurs: \$390

Fri/Sat/Sun: \$360

**Annual Payment \$1,440**

(This includes 2 free boxes!)

**Half-Year Payment \$720**

(This includes 1 free box!)

To view the 2022

A/B alternate week schedule:

**Scroll to bottom of Newsletter for annual calendar**

**Box Notes:** The navel oranges are from Blue Heron Farm and are CCOF-certified organic. They are also available to order by the 10 or 20 lb case on the webstore.

**Field Notes:** Early last Monday morning (01.10.22) My (Tim) and Roxanne's home on the farm burned down. We and our three children made it out unscathed but rattled. The local and regional outpouring of support has been amazing, embarrassing and humbling. Just a week into this loss we are still finding our footing. We are healthy, well fed, housed and loved. If anyone is inclined, an account is set up to help with the recovery: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-tim-and-roxanne-rebuild-after-house-fire> but we are also thrilled to have you as steady customers; an amazingly important part of the Riverdog Farm community. The Riverdog leadership crew: Cristina, Gric, Ramon, Roberto, Diego and more have carried the farm forward this week admirably as my family and I took time to regroup. Thank you to all for the outpouring of support: friends, neighbors, customers and strangers.

Onion transplanting rolls on, more spinach and other greens will go in later this week as the soil becomes workable. We are loving this chance to cultivate and plant but we are ever conscious that we are still dreadfully short of surface water for the summer ahead.

**Special Request:** For 2022, we'd like to encourage subscribers to switch to paying by check instead of credit card as this will reduce the fees that our CSA platform (Farmigo) charges the farm. You can schedule a monthly or quarterly auto-payment by check via your bank. Your bank then mails us a paper check on a schedule that you specify. Thank you for considering this special request.

## Webstore Features:

**Smoked/Cured Hams: Pre-order pastured hams for holiday celebrations by emailing [csa@riverdogfarm.com](mailto:csa@riverdogfarm.com)**

- **Pastured Whole Chickens**
- **Pastured Pork Cuts and Pork Shares**
- **Variety of Sausages**
- **All pastured meat orders are delivered frozen to your delivery site or to**

**one of the 4 weekly farmers markets nearest you.**

- **Raw Mission Almonds, Raw Hartley Walnuts and vegetable items are available by the case or half case.**

Visit: <https://csa.farmigo.com/store/riverdogfarmcsa> to place your orders. Please place your orders by noon, 2 days before your delivery day to ensure same week

delivery.

Any YEARLY subscription that needs to end early will be charged at the \$30 box price for boxes already delivered (not to exceed the original purchase price) and the balance may be refunded back to the card of original purchase or a check will be sent to the Member. For MONTHLY subscribers –Please finish your subscription commitment. If your balance does not reach \$0, then the remaining amount – below \$29 - may be refunded back to the credit card or in the form of a check. You can also choose to donate your remainder to the farm. When your balance reaches \$0, then you have fulfilled your subscription commitment and your account will automatically go to “permanent hold” status. You are able to re-subscribe at any time. Subscribers who are set up for recurring payments need to turn off recurring payments in order to make any cancellations to your account. You may do this yourself on your account.

- PLEASE note if your subscription has recurring payments as this can affect the amount of deliveries you are expected to receive. Such as; 4 week delivery plans with some months having 5 weeks.
- Your subscriptions and pre-payments are greatly appreciated. To make this CSA program successful, we count on your advance payment to plan our seed ordering, planting seasons and harvest amounts.
- To ensure that your subscription continues uninterrupted, please make sure your credit card on file is up to date on your CSA account. You may also put your account on a DELIVERY HOLD if you will be gone for 1 delivery or periods of time. Your balance will be the same when you return.
- For any changes you need to make to your account, the cut off time is 12:00 NOON, 2 days before your delivery day Remember to make any changes to your account such as payment renewal, webstore orders or delivery holds by 12:00 NOON, 2 days before your delivery day. Thank you!

**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

**\*\*Due to shorter day light hours, the egg laying productivity has slowed down so we are not accepting new egg subscriptions at this time. Check back often to see when the egg subscriptions open up again.**

**Please pick up your veggie box on your delivery day** so that it stays fresh and we can ensure quality.

**\*\*Riverdog will not give refunds for any missing items/quality issues for pickups made the day after delivery day.\*\*** CSA site hosts may donate any unclaimed items no sooner than 24 hours after the original pick up day and time week of 3pm. After 24 hours (3pm following the day of original pickup time) unclaimed/forgotten orders may no longer be available and the subscriber absorbs the subscription cost for that week's order. **Missing items/quality issues must be emailed within 24 hours of pick up day and time slot for refund consideration.** Please include a photo of any quality issues. We appreciate your feedback. **Reminder: Please pick up your veggie box during the pick-up time window the day of delivery to ensure quality. During the hot days of summer, the earlier you are able to pick up the better.**

**Reminder:** A/B delivery schedules are every other week. They aren't always 1st/3rd or 2nd/4th weeks due to some months having 5 weeks. **Make sure your name is on the list AND you only take the items listed next to your name.**

**Please check your CSA account for the most up-to-date information such as your next CSA delivery date and payment status.**

**Frog Hollow Farm Fruit Boxes are available to add to your subscription: \$33.25 per Frog Hollow Farm fruit box.** See info below to learn more about their fruit boxes. To add the Frog Hollow Fruit box to your weekly subscription, email the CSA manager at [CSA@riverdogfarm.com](mailto:CSA@riverdogfarm.com). ALL orders need to be in by Monday morning at 8AM – that is when FROG HOLLOW box numbers are finalized.

Please encourage neighbors, friends and colleagues to sign-up for the Riverdog Farm CSA. We offer Gift Certificates (on the webstore) or you can sign up your friends and family members with a check or credit card. Print or email the Welcome email to send to the gift recipient.

The weekly box contents are subject to change (from the box contents listed in the weekly newsletter). We include a list of box contents in the newsletter to give you an idea of what to expect but it may differ from what is packed. Crop quality, daily yields and weather conditions will determine final box contents each week.

**Site hosts: Please email the CSA manager by the morning following the delivery day about any unclaimed CSA boxes. This way, we can contact CSA subscribers to remind them to pick up their CSA subscriptions.**

#### **CSA Announcements:**

- 1. Chicken subscriptions** are available. You can choose a desired weight in whole numbers between 3 lbs and 6 lbs. The whole chickens (with head and feet) are \$6 per lb. The average weight is 3.5 to 7 lbs. All meat raised on the farm is pasture fed. The animals are CCOF certified organic but cannot be labeled as organic due to being processed in a facility that is not certified organic. Your account is updated weekly

with the actual weight packed for you. To begin a chicken subscription, add a chicken to your account 48 hours before your delivery day. Your account is deducted with the actual price of the chicken at midnight the day after delivery.

**2. Webstore Orders:** There are chickens available on the web store. Try out a chicken with no subscription commitment. If you like it then add it to your account as a weekly subscription. There are also half, smoked hams available.

Riverdog Farm has an Instagram account. Find us via our Instagram handle: riverdogfarm. On our account, we share images of the crops, farming, re-posts of your farm fixings photos and videos and provide market/CSA updates.

Whether you leave the box at the site or take it home to return the following week, please unfold (collapse) your box carefully to prevent tearing of the end flaps. Slowly bend the two end panels towards the outer ends first then collapse (flatten) the whole box by gently folding the rest.

**Give your account 48 hours to update when making changes.** For example, when changing your account status from permanent hold to active by charging your credit card, the process may take up to 48 hours to update. The auto-pay option button is at the bottom of your account page. Please click it for auto-renewal of your CSA subscription and to ensure uninterrupted weekly veggie box deliveries.

**The Frog Hollow fruit box is available to add to your CSA account.** Due to logistics, the Frog Hollow Fruit Boxes are only available to the **Wednesday/Thursday/Friday** subscribers. CSA subscribers who pick up on Tuesdays/Thursdays/Saturdays, at the Berkeley farmers markets may purchase directly from Frog Hollow. 12:00 pm Sunday is the deadline to change your account for the fruit box. If you enter a hold any time after that, we can cancel delivery of the box, but your account may still be charged the full amount for the fruit box. Frog Hollow CSA boxes come with 3-4 varieties of seasonal tree-ripened, exceptionally tasty stone fruits. As part of their commitment to sustainability, Frog Hollow works hard to avert food waste. You can expect to see ripe, cosmetically imperfect fruit and small or large pieces of fruit in the fruit boxes. These characteristics should not affect the deliciousness of what you receive. Visit their web site to learn more about their CSA program, farm philosophy, fruits and recommendations: [www.froghollow.com](http://www.froghollow.com).

**Reminder:** So that your subscription continues uninterrupted, please make sure your credit card on file is up to date on your CSA account. For those who need to end the CSA subscription before your balance is at \$0, email the farm to request cancellation. You may put your account on a DELIVERY hold if you will be gone for periods of time.

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## Green Garlic Toast

From:

<https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1017437-green-garlic-toast>.

- Slices of crusty bread
- ½ cup unsalted butter (1 stick), softened
- ½ cup grated Parmesan
- 2 ½ tablespoons chopped young green garlic stalks, white and green parts
- 1 tablespoon minced chives
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt, more to taste
- Large pinch red chile flakes
- 1 regular (not green) garlic clove, halved

1. Heat the broiler. Place the bread slices on a baking sheet and broil them, flipping them halfway through cooking time, until golden on both sides. Keep warm.
2. In a bowl, stir together the butter, cheese, green garlic, chives, pepper, salt and chile.
3. Rub the toast with the cut side of the regular garlic clove, then spread with the green garlic butter. Broil toast again for 30 seconds to 2 minutes, until the tops lightly brown and the butter melts. Serve hot or warm.

## 2022 Calendar

ALL green highlighted areas are the "A" week schedule

ALL other weeks are the "B" week schedule

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