



Riverdog Farm

February 21, 2022

Riverdog Farm Veggie Box News

Box Contents:

2 lbs Tango Mandarins
1.5 lb Purple Carrots
0.75 lbs Arugula
1 bu Red Russian Kale
1 lb Broccoli
2 hds BokChoi
0.50 lb Black Spanish Radish

Payment by mail is due by February 28th for March deliveries: All Boxes \$30

Tuesdays: \$150
Wednesdays: \$150
Thursdays: \$150
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: Purple carrots are loaded with nutrients and flavor. They are wonderful steamed, roasted, stir-fried or raw in a salad. Purple carrots can be paired with the Black Spanish radish in any delicious dish. The Black Spanish Radish can be prepared just like the carrots.

Field Notes: Monday morning broke like many this past week, still and cold with a light frost on the plants. Today the air was heavy with the sweet yet bitter scent of all the open almond blossoms 1,500 feet from where we are living. Think orange blossoms with a hint of the intense bitter of a wild rootstock almond. Our late Mission almonds don't normally bloom until the very end of February but they are in full bloom now. Hopefully the cold weather rolling in for the next few days won't kill the nascent nutlets. Plums and pluots are also in full bloom but they could use a little thinning, it would save us some hand labor in a month. The peaches are just starting to open so I'm not so worried. It's not predicted to rain but it is at least nice to see some clouds blowing in this evening as the temps drop quickly. The warmth of the afternoons this past week had me itching to plant some early sweet corn but we will hold off for at least another week to let this cold spell pass. Our Dorper sheep are lambing in our dry farmed wheat field. We will move them out the moment it rains but if no rain comes we will graze all 30 acres in that field as it won't mature well without more rain. Thanks to all of you for riding into a new planting season with us.

Almond Festival is back - Sunday, February 27, 2022. This is an all-day, 5-town event celebrating the almond blossoms of the region. There's a book sale at the Esparto Library, and delicious wood-fired pizza featuring Riverdog Farm sausage will be for sale in the hamlet of Rumsey and a variety of bands/food at all of the 5 towns. For more info about the Almond Festival visit:

<https://www.espartoregionalchamber.com/almond-festival-capay-valley-cache-creek-california>

Webstore Features:

- **Pasture Raised eggs are available by the dozen to add to your subscription OR as a one-time purchase on the Webstore.**
- **All pastured meat orders are delivered frozen to your delivery site or to one of the 4 weekly farmers markets nearest you.**
- **Smoked/Cured Hams: Order pastured hams for any celebration by emailing csa@riverdogfarm.com**
- **Pasture Raised Whole Chickens and Smoked Chickens**
- **Pasture Raised Pork Cuts and Pork Shares**
- **Pasture Raised Lamb Cuts**

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- **Variety of Sausages- check webstore for availability**
- **Raw Mission Almonds, Raw Hartley Walnuts by the 1 lb and 5 lb bag**
- **Vegetable items are available by the case or half case.**

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

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.

Frog Hollow Farm Fruit Boxes are available to add to your subscription: \$33.25 per fruit box. Email the CSA manager at CSA@riverdogfarm.com to get a box. ALL orders need to be in by Monday morning at 8AM – that is when FROG HOLLOW box numbers are finalized and sent. See Frog Hollow info below to learn more about their fruit boxes.

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 with a reminder email to pick up their CSA orders.

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.

* 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.

* 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 payment in order to make any cancellations to your account. You must do this on your account before your account reaches \$30 or less.

• PLEASE note if your subscription has recurring payments. 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 payment is up current 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.

Special Request: 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.

Please pick up your veggie box on your delivery day so that it stays fresh and we can ensure quality. **During the hot days of summer, the earlier you are able to pick up the better**

****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 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: 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 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.

Chicken Announcements:

1. Chicken subscriptions are available. You can choose a desired weight between 3 lbs and 6 lbs. The whole chickens (with head and feet) are \$6 per lb. The whole chickens (without head and feet) are \$8.50 per lb. 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. 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 whole chickens and ½ smoked chickens available on the web store. Try out a chicken with no subscription commitment. If you like it, add it to your account as a weekly subscription.

Whether you leave the box at the site or take it home to return the following week, please collapse your box carefully to prevent tearing of the end flaps. Slowly bend the two end panels towards the outer ends first then 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.

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.

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!

Black Radish and Apple Chopped Salad with Lemon and Mint

<https://thelocaldish.com/recipes/make-magic-black-radish/>

Serves 3.

Ingredients

1 medium black radish, julienned
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

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- 1 Granny Smith apple, cut in half and cut into very thin slices
- 1 large carrot, julienned
- 1/2 stalk of celery, very thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon unsalted, roasted sunflower seeds
- drizzle of fruity olive oil
- 2 tablespoons roughly chopped fresh mint
- Sea salt, to taste

Directions

Combine radish and lemon juice in a small bowl and let sit for 30 minutes. When softened a bit, add apple and carrot. Drizzle with olive oil to moisten all ingredients. Stir in sunflower seeds. Sprinkle with mint and salt to taste.

2022 Calendar

ALL green highlighted areas are the "A" week schedule

ALL other weeks are the "B" week schedule

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