



Riverdog Farm

August 23, 2021

Riverdog Farm Veggie Box News

Box Contents:

2 lbs Yellow Finn Potatoes
1 Red Torpedo Onion
1 Charlyn Melon
2 lbs Loose Carrots
2 lbs Early Girl Tomatoes
2-3 Slicing Cucumbers

Payment by mail is due by August 30th for September deliveries:

All Boxes \$30

Tuesdays: \$120
Wednesdays: \$150
Thursdays: \$150
Fridays: \$120
Sat: \$120
Sun: \$120

Thank you for your payment if already sent!

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Quarterly Payment Schedule:

2nd Quarter

July/Aug/Sept
\$390

Annual Payment

\$1,440

(This includes 2 free boxes!)

Half-Year Payment

\$720

(This includes 1 free box!)

To view the 2021

A/B alternate week schedule:

Scroll to bottom of Newsletter for annual calendar

Box notes: As evening temperatures become cooler, it's time to enjoy the potatoes roasted with garlic, olive oil and salt. Or for those wanting a cooler meal, potato salad and cucumber salad make great evening dishes that help cool you down.

For those who prefer cooked tomatoes, I recommend this recipe from the NYT that my mom in Iowa recently made and raved about:

<https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1017650-quick-fresh-tomato-sauce>.

Field Notes: The smoke from the wildfires has subsided this week. We are busy direct seeding fall crops such as chard, kale, collards, mustards, turnips, beets, and carrots. The cycle continues. And the green house is full of brassicas: broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower.

Tomatoes: Early Girl or Roma Tomatoes 10 lb case for \$30.00. Great for sauce making and canning.

Webstore Features:

- **Smoked/Cured Hams: limited supply available**
- **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.

Due to shorter day light hours, the egg laying productivity has slowed down so new egg subscriptions are on hold for the moment.

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.

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

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.

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. Please email the farm if you want a fruit box.

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.

Announcement for Chicken Subscribers and for folks ordering chickens from the webstore: you now have the ability to specify your preferred chicken weight. At the moment, the weight range is 3.5 lbs to 4.5 lbs, by the half pound increment. Larger chickens will be available in a few months. Look for announcements in the newsletter about the changes to available chicken weights. Please log in to your account and select the size you'd like. You can change the size as needed but once selected, that will be the approximate weight you receive. Make any changes by noon 48 hours before your delivery day. Thank you!

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.

Please email the farm csa@riverdogfarm.com to confirm cancellation of your CSA membership.

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 veggie boxes.

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.

New 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 5.5 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.
- 3. Avedano's Members:** Please pick up your CSA boxes and all other orders at the ordering window so the Avedano's crewmember can cross off your name. We are changing this pick up policy due to product loss. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please email csa@riverdogfarm.com. Please return your CSA boxes to Avedano's. Please flatten the boxes without tearing.

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 keep the end flaps from tearing. 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 will be available to add to your CSA account, just email the CSA manager to order one. 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.

- **Keeping it safe:** We are so pleased to announce that the majority of the farm employees, including farmer's market staff, have been vaccinated for COVID-19 thanks to the free vaccination program implemented by Yolo County in partnership with Yolo County Department of Health, the Yocha Dehe Fire Department and local farms who hosted vaccination clinics. The new mask ruling is that employees do not have to wear masks if they are vaccinated. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at the farmers markets again!
- **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!

"Delivery hold" is used for short periods of time – use this option 48 hours in advance to schedule the deliveries you are unable to pick up.
"Permanent Hold" is used for long periods of time – use this option if you are gone for extended periods of time and wish to resume your account when you get back. You must change your status to "active" when you return in order to resume deliveries.
"Cancel" is used to delete membership details, this means you would need to re-enter delivery status, subscriptions, and credit card information when you resume the Riverdog Farm CSA

Creamy Cucumber Salad

From: <https://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/best-creamy-cucumber-salad>.

1 pound cucumber, cut into 1/8-in. thick slices (1-2 large cucumbers)
¾ cup thinly sliced sweet onion (1 small onion)
1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
⅓ cup sour cream
1 tablespoon rice vinegar
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill, plus more for garnish
2 teaspoons chopped fresh chives, plus more for garnish
¼ teaspoon black pepper

Directions

Instructions

- Step 1

Combine cucumber and onion in a colander set over a large bowl. Toss with ¾ teaspoon of the

salt. Let stand, tossing occasionally, until softened and liquid has drained out, about 1 hour. Pat vegetables dry with paper towels.

- Step 2

Meanwhile, stir together sour cream, vinegar, dill, chives, and remaining ¼ teaspoon salt in a medium bowl. Add cucumber and onion mixture; toss to coat. Serve sprinkled with pepper, dill, and chives.

Chef's Notes

They key to this salad's deliciousness lies in salting and draining the cucumbers (step 1); you do not want to skip on it. If the the cucumbers aren't left to release some of their liquid beforehand, all of that water will leech into the dilly sour cream dressing, making for a watery mess.

Yellow = "A" week deliveries, White = "B" week deliveries

Farm Closed for the CSA Deliveries from December 24, 2021 - January 3, 2022

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