

Riverdog Farm Veggie Box News
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Box Contents:

1 Watermelon
1 Melon
1 Bu Scarlet Queen Turnips
2 lbs Mixed Heirloom Tomatoes
2-3 Armenian Cucumbers
1 lb Mixed Sweet Peppers
1 lb Onions

Field Notes: Mild weather continues to make working and growing conditions optimal. A very refreshing rainfall surprised us on Wednesday September 8, 2010. Shades of grey clouds filled the typically blue sky and released a downpour of big raindrops for over an hour. More rain fell in Davis and Woodland than on the farm but the amount of moisture we received provided relief from the summer's dry spell and settled the dust. A few days after the rain, a bright green carpet of tiny grass sprouts and weeds began poking out of the soil near our house. The first rain signals the

transition from summer to fall and makes us look forward to the shorter, more restful days that the wet season of late fall, winter and early spring brings.

Hoes Down Harvest Festival: Saturday October 2, 2010 11 am to 11 pm. This event is a very kid-friendly, hands-on open farm day at Full Belly Farm just up the road from Riverdog Farm in Guinda. Camping is an option for Saturday night at Full Belly Farm. For more information, go to: <http://www.hoesdown.org>. The event proceeds benefit local non-profit organizations and the Ecological Farming Association. There will be workshops on Sunday October 3, 2010 at area farms including a sausage making workshop and pastured chicken workshop at Riverdog Farm. See the Hoes Down website for the scoop on the weekend's schedule.

Riverdog Farm Pumpkin Party: Sunday October 17, 2010. Save the date. Details to be announced. Activities will include a hayride and tour of the farm, pumpkin pies, and pumpkin harvest for CSA members and farmers markets customers.

Box Notes: The turnips are delicious roasted with some salt at 350 degrees about 30 minutes until soft and juicy. If you eat meat, roast the meat (chicken, pork, or beef) and turnips together. The turnips will absorb some of the meat's juices. On the horizon: winter squash! I baked the first harvest of delicata, a very sweet, oblong yellow with green striped squash that can be eaten without added ingredients. Look for winter squash soon in your veggie box, either acorn or delicata squash initially and then butternut and kabocha a little later.

Payment Reminder: The veggie box price is \$20 per week. Payment for October / Fourth Quarter is due September 24, 2010.

Monthly payment for four **Wednesday / Thursday** deliveries in October is \$80.

Monthly payment for five **Friday** deliveries in October is \$100.

Quarterly payment for **11 weeks of Wednesday / Thursday** deliveries from October through December 15 / 16 is \$220.

Quarterly payment for **12 weeks of Friday** deliveries from October through December 17 is \$240.

If you have any questions about your account status, please email us at csa@riverdogfarm.com or call (530) 796-3802.

Please check the "Ordered-Through" column on the sign-out sheet. If the printed date in the column is earlier than the end of the month, your payment for the remainder of the current month is due by the printed date. Without timely receipt of payment, deliveries might be interrupted.

