

Riverdog Farm June 15, 2020

Riverdog Farm Veggie Box News

Box Contents:

2 lbs Carrots
.5 lbs Summer Squash Mix
OR 1 bu Parsley
1 hd Savoy Cabbage
1 bu Redbor Kale
1 bu White Spring Onion
1.5 lbs Yukon Gold Potatoes
1 bu Red Beets

Payment by mail is due by June 30st for July deliveries:

Tuesdays: \$96 Wednesdays: \$120 Thursdays: \$120 Fridays: \$120 Sat: \$120

Thank you for your payment if already sent!

Quarterly Payment Schedule:

2nd Quarter

Jul/Aug/Sept Tu/Thu/Fri/Sat: \$312 Wed: \$336

Annual Payment

\$1,152 (This includes 2 free boxes!)

Half-Year Payment \$576

(This includes 1 free box!)

To view the 2020
Payment Schedule, A/B week
schedule Scroll to bottom of Newsletter

Field Notes: We harvested the first cherry tomatoes last week. This means that they will soon be coming off the plants in quantity so we'll be able to feature them in the veggie boxes. Green beans also are coming soon! This time of year, in the field, many crops are transitioning from spring to summer. We are also in the midst of harvesting grain: Patwin wheat and triticale to augment our livestock feed. Garlic is coming out of the field to store in the barn. In the tomato fields, we are laying drip lines for summer irrigation and trellising the plants to direct their growth vertically for easier harvest and uniform ripening.

Box Notes: New this week: Summer Squash and new Potatoes! All of the summer squash varieties can be used interchangeably. When you have a recipe that calls for zucchini, okay to substitute any of the summer squash types featured in your veggie box.

Webstore Updates: For the sauerkraut and kimchee lovers out there, Green Cabbage is now available on the webstore by the 40 lb case for \$35. We also have fresh garlic (not cured yet, but no longer green, the cloves have divided and have some paper layers that need to be peeled) by the 10 lb case for \$80. The fresh garlic keeps best refrigerated. In the pastured meat department, Pork and Chicken Broth, Pork Bones, and Pig Heads are available on the webstore. Please place webstore orders 48 hours prior to your delivery day to ensure same week delivery. Due to a limited supply of pastured hogs, the fresh pork cuts, sausage and bacon will only be available at farmer's markets at this time. We will update the webstore as product availability changes so please check it often.

Riverdog Farm has an active 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 posts and provide market/CSA updates.

When you pick up your CSA box, you may transfer the contents into your own bags and leave the box, flattened please, at the site for pick up by the driver the following week. 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.

- Thank you for keeping the pick-up sites tidy and for bringing the paper liners home to recycle. Our site hosts and delivery drivers appreciate your diligence with the upkeep of the sites.
- Keeping it safe: with the Shelter-in-Place order still in effect in Yolo County and throughout California, we continue to implement our COVID-19 prevention protocol on the farm per the CDC and Cal-OSHA recommended best practices. Prevention measures include: required face covering and glove wearing, 6 foot distancing in the workplace, employees are not allowed to work with symptoms of COVID-19 illness, increased frequency of hand-washing/hand sanitizing, and increased sanitizing of the packing shed high touch areas including stainless steel wash tubs, packing tables and walk-in cooler door handles.
- Because of the recent surge in CSA subscriber sign-ups, we have added new drop sites in **Berkeley**, **Piedmont**, **Oakland**, **and Woodland**. We also have a new drop site at **Zuni Café** in SF. Visit www.riverdogfarm.com to view the new sites to see if there is a location that is more convenient for you. You may change your pick up site 48 hours prior to delivery by logging into your account and selecting a new pick-up location.
- Here are some updates/changes/reminders:
 - At this time, **new** chicken orders are not available via the CSA. The weekly chicken subscriptions and orders placed prior to 3/21/20 will be fulfilled. There is a waitlist for new chicken orders placed via the CSA after 3/21/20. You may purchase a whole chicken at any one of the 3 markets in Berkeley or the 1 in Sacramento. First come, first serve.
- **New** egg orders and add-on dozens are not available at this time via the CSA. There is currently a waitlist for new egg orders/egg subscriptions. You may purchase eggs at the farmers markets in Berkeley and Sacramento when available. At markets, the eggs are available first come first serve.
- New Egg Pick Up Procedure: At each delivery site, the eggs will be in a box, with an open lid, with a list of names of those whom ordered eggs. Please look at the list, make sure your name is on that list, and only take a carton of eggs if your name is on that list. Please use a face covering and precaution while picking up your order. Please only touch the carton of eggs that you're picking up. Do not touch any other egg cartons. Do not open any egg cartons. To simplify the driver's deliveries, we are no longer labeling the egg cartons with subscriber names. Keep the site safe and tidy. Thank you!
- Please take only the items that are yours. Check order labels for your name and match them to the items listed on
 the sign-in sheet. If you inadvertently picked up an item that is not yours, let the farm know so we can let the member
 know and fix the issue. Please respect the site host's privacy when you pick up your order. Do not knock on the site
 host doors. Call or email the farm if you need assistance finding the boxes, if an item is missing from your order, or
 your name is the not on the sign-in sheet.
- **NEW** A/B subscriptions are no longer available. If you wish to skip weeks, use the delivery hold tab to skip the weeks you wish to not receive a box. To skip CSA Box deliveries, please login to your account and enter your skip weeks as a Monday-Friday selection: http://www.riverdogfarm.com/csa.
- Take the brown paper box liner with you to recycle at home. Gently unfold the cardboard boxes and place in a stack with other cardboard boxes. Please help keep the site host space tidy and ready for the driver to pick up the following week.
- For current A/B week subscribers please note that the delivery schedule is every other week. Some months may have 3 deliveries, some may only have 2 but the schedule is every-other-week for your deliveries. See below for the 2020 A/B schedule.
- Reminder: So 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 deliveries end, you MUST contact the farm through email to request cancellation. You may put your account on a DELIVERY hold if you will be gone for periods of time. If you wish to cancel your account, you may call or email the farm and we can cancel it for you.

"<u>Delivery hold</u>" is used for short periods of time – you use this option 48 hours in advance to schedule the deliveries you are unable to pick up.

"<u>Permanent Hold</u>" is used for long periods of time – you use this option if you are gone for extended periods of time and wish to resume your account when you get back. You must reinstate your status back 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 Thai Carrot Soup with Basil

From: https://minimalistbaker.com/creamy-thai-carrot-soup-with-basil/.

- 1 Tbsp coconut or olive oil
- 1/2 large yellow onion (chopped)
- 3 cloves garlic (diced)
- 1 pound carrots (scrubbed or peeled // chopped // 1 pound yields ~4 cups)
- 1 healthy pinch each salt and pepper
- 2 cups veggie stock
- 2 cups water
- 1/3 cup creamy or crunchy salted natural peanut butter (use less for a less intense PB flavor)
- 2 tsp <u>chili garlic sauce</u> (use less for less spice)
- (NOT LISTED: Coconut or Olive Oil for sautéing)

FOR TOPPING/SERVING (optional)

- Fresh basil, cilantro, or mint
- Full-fat coconut milk or coconut cream
- Brown sugar or agave nectar (sub honey if not vegan)
- Sriracha hot sauce
- Heat a large pot over medium heat.
- Dice onion and garlic. Add to pot with 1 Tbsp coconut or olive oil (or nonstick spray). Add carrots and cook for 5 minutes.
- Season with a healthy pinch each salt and pepper, then add veggie stock and water and stir.
- Bring to a low boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Cover and cook for 20 minutes, or until veggies are tender (test by cutting a larger piece of carrot in half it should cut with ease).
- Transfer to a <u>blender</u> (or use an <u>immersion blender</u>) and blend until smooth and creamy. (Cover with a towel in case your lid leaks any soup while blending.)
- Add peanut butter and chili garlic sauce to the blender and blend to combine, using a 'puree' or 'liquify' setting if you have it.
- Taste and adjust seasonings as needed. For a touch of added sweetness, add a Tbsp or so of brown sugar, maple syrup or agave nectar (or honey if not vegan). Add more chili garlic sauce for more heat.
- Serve immediately with fresh basil or herbs of choice. A drizzle of coconut milk will add a creamy, sweet touch. Serve with sriracha for extra heat.

Red = no deliveries, farm closed Yellow = "A" week deliveries White = "B" week deliveries

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Riverdog Farm Weekly CSA Payment Schedule 2020

Delivery Day	Tuesday	Quarter	Wednesday	Quarter	Thursday	Quarter	Friday	Quarter	Saturday	Quarter
January	96		96		96		96		96	
February	96		96		96		96		120	
March	120	312	96	288	96	288	96	288	96	312
April	96		120		120		96		96	
May	96		96		96		120		120	
June	120	312	96	312	96	312	96	312	96	312
July	96		120		120		120		120	
August	96		96		96		96		96	
September	120	312	120	336	96	312	96	312	96	312
October	96		96		120		120		120	
November	96		96		96		96		96	
December	72	264	72	264	72	288	72	288	72	288
Annual Total	1,200		1,200		1,200		1,200		1,224	
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Holiday No-Delivery Dates: December 21 through January 1, 2020

Annual payers receive a \$48 discount (2 CSA boxes free).