

What did you do with your produce share? Week 8

Gazpacho

Blend a CSA basket of tomatoes with two 12 oz. cans of tomato juice (or V8, regular or spicy). Chop about a quarter of a big Armenian cucumber, an onion, two cloves of garlic, a red or green pepper, a jalapeno pepper, shave the kernels off one or two corn cobs (can be raw or frozen). Add to the mix and stir. Chop about a half of a cup of cilantro and a few spoons of fresh basil (if you have any). Add two teaspoons of ground cumin, salt and pepper, chili powder and hot sauce to taste. Add the juice from two or three limes to taste. Serve chilled, the colder the better. (Adopted from Vegan World Fusion Cuisine, 2005)

I talked to Tania at the farm regarding the future pickups: the farm is only open during the week and they do not want us to do pickups on weekends. However, they will make an exception and during my absence (i.e. the last two weeks in August and the first two weeks in September) they will work with us so that we can get our shares on Saturdays. I will work it out with her and let the pick-up people know the details soon. From what I understood, the farm would also be more comfortable with only one or two regular people doing the pickups. So, I suggest that starting in the third week in September, I take on the main responsibility for the pick-ups; of course if anybody else travels to Phoenix during the week and wishes to go to the farm and do the pick-up, I would be happy to arrange that too. This kind of arrangement gives us and the farm a little bit more of continuity, and since the group is getting bigger, at least they seem to want a little bit more of a stable pick-up schedule. This would continue to entail gas money contributions, however with more people signing up, the amount of the contribution would naturally go down.

Regarding the fall season, the price remains the same: \$20 per week, \$260 for the season. I will be collecting checks in the first half of August, and will deliver them to the farm on my last pick-up (Aug. 15). If somebody wishes to sign up later, I can collect more checks once I return.

I sent information about our group to Mike from Ajo Copper News, and a photographer will be coming to the distribution on Friday, so the article will probably run next week.

Best,

Nina