What's On The Way

Melons
Sweet Peppers

Bulk Produce
Kale (green, red), Collards, Swiss Chard: $2 / lb
Cucumbers, Summer Squash, Eggplant: $1 / lb
Wakefield Cabbage: $3 / pc
Sweet Corn: $4 / dz

What's Happening On The Farm

Rain --> Sun + Heat = Food

Monday got hot. Way up there - towards 98F. Whatever. There was food to harvest. We cranked up the trucks and knives and hit the fields. After last week's 3” rain storm, the plants were loving it. Nothing to do but keep up with them, right? The cucukes and zukes were cranking. And the eggplant. And the onions. The corn. Kale. Well, we just kept our heads down and kept moving. Barrels and buckets of food loaded into the harvest shed by noon and time to change your t-shirt. Whatever.

The weeder crew set to work as well, getting a good early start on the fall beets and carrots. These are always time consuming as the plants grow slowly while the weeds grow quickly. We cultivate, but the weeds come anyway. Nothing to do but crawl and crawl and crawl. So they did. All morning. Then they called it a day, went for swim and came back the next day for more.

In the afternoons the rest of us washed and packed veggies in the shed until we had to admit we had no more to do inside. Then we fired up the tractors and cultivated (killing the latest flush of weeds), finished trellising towering tomatoes, and spun cover crops in the pathway; Wishing them well on the last leg of their journey that they would have to take on their own. Since it was the end of July, there was nothing to do but do it all over again. Tuesday was somehow hotter, but then things eased up a bit. Still, 90F and sun all week left us with big harvests coming into the shed every day. And the weeder chugged through the entire field; 4 beds of beets. Then 6 beds of carrots. 600’ long. 4 rows each bed. 4.5 miles of crawling.

The melons were close, but not ready yet, so we just washed lugs and sowed storage radishes on Friday afternoon and sat around a little dazed and a little sore - ready for likely even more next week.

We hope you enjoy the harvest,

Your Farmer,
Dan (for Karen, Abbe, Ben, Jake, Joseph, Marlee, Serena, and Anna)