

Lone Willow Ranch
May 31, 2007

Hello everyone, another week has gone by. I get the feeling that summer is on its way. This is the weekend for the Heartland Festival....Our interns will be there this weekend selling tomato transplants and enjoying themselves. John and I are going to Santa Clara for a Special Dinner for one of our favorite chefs. Bart Hosmer of Parcel 104. Bart is moving to Washington DC to become the director of Food Services for the Marriot Chain of Hotels. We are very happy for Bart but will miss him. Bart has been instrumental for bringing together farms and chefs, organic gardens to local schools, has won many awards for his culinary skill and he is just a great guy. The new head chef is Robert Sapirman, An excellent chef with a fresh taste and ideas. Also Randall Bertao of Los Banos is the Master Sommelier. It is a very small world. Check them out@ www.parcel104.com.

This weeks box

We have beets, carrots, squash, garlic, watermelon radish, butter lettuce, red or speckled lettuce, bright lights Swiss chard, Dasher cucumber, oregano, large leaf Basil, apricots and the last of the leeks. We are right in the middle of transiting into summer produce. Some of the apricots are riper than others, for the ones that aren't ready to eat yet place in brown paper bag to fully ripen.

Farm Report

We have been busy with the goats. We now have 10 very healthy kids, with a few more to go. It is truly amazing to see how a first time moms know just what to do and the older moms are just "ok kids"... . Next week more cucumbers and green beans. The tomatoes eggplant, pepper & corn are coming along very nice. We picked a handful of almost ripe tomatoes today. Don't be surprised if we have some cherry varieties for next week.

Special Dates

Heartland for information: www.eco-farm.org/heartland

Pacheco State Park's Kite Day more information: jmorg@parks.ca.gov

Slow Food Fig Fest in August, more infor. www.maderaslowfood.org

Today is John's Happy Birthday. He now qualifies for a Senior Citizen discount!!!!

Keep in touch. We love hearing from you.

Farmer John & Shelby