

Week 5 – Summer CSA

July 4 – July 10, 2022

Happy Independence Day! It is fun, from the farm here, to imagine some of you sharing GTF produce with your friends, neighbors, and family in various events. In a perfect world, it would be possible more often for the farm team here to witness the delicious dishes you create, and share in the joy of these foods all the way to the end of their journey.... Sometimes, in fact, as a farmer, it is possible to forget that every single case of vegetables shipped off of the farm eventually does get eaten – by a real and specific person, someone like you.... CSA, fortunately, serves to remind us of our common bond through food. CSA is the most direct relationship that we can have. It's not only a relationship without intermediary, but also one of mutual commitment, thoughtful intention, and family values. Sally has sometimes said that among her and John's greatest legacies (note: not her words ;) ...she is humble) are the families who have raised children on GTF foods. Definitely this is something to revere and celebrate.

In an era with fewer farmers per capita than ever, it's an easy link to draw that our independence and thriving today still depends on knowledge and caring stewards of the land. People who are willing to commit not only to their customers, but to the ecosystems undergirding our health and prosperity. With John and Sally now 35 years into their land relationship and business, let us share our gratitude, and truly celebrate what small farms do to strengthen communities, enhance the self-reliance, and model the mythos of bravery and pioneering spirit behind America's July 4th tradition.

Box contents, Week 5:

- Red potatoes
- Sweet onions
- Cucumbers, "Sweet Slice"
- Summer squash
- Chard
- Radicchio
- Carrots, bunched
- Green Lettuce
- Basil

