



This Week's Share:

- Kohlrabi
- Strawberries
- Snap Peas
- Salad Mix
- Spinach
- Lettuce heads
- Broccoli
- Garlic Scapes
- Pac Choi
- Turnips
- Radishes
- Parsley

Coming Soon:
Summer Squash and Zucchini

This Week's Weather Notes:

Beautiful Weather, although some rain would be nice.

Free Magazine Included With This Week's Share

When the publisher of the new magazine *Edible Rhody* left us a phone message last week, we thought he wanted to write an article about us!!! It turns out, he wanted to give all of our CSA members a free copy of the magazine. By being a members of our CSA, you've identified yourself as someone who cares about supporting local agriculture...so enjoy this copy of *Edible Rhody* and consider a subscription to this magazine all about local agriculture.

We Begin our Third Season

If you are new to Community Supported Agriculture, let us begin by telling you this is an amazing concept. In our past farming life, in NYS, we marketed in other ways; we dealt with supermarkets, restaurants, wholesalers, etc. It was problematic in a number of ways. First, Erik hated having to spend hours on the phone selling produce when his real passion was being outdoors growing things. Second, we never had money when we needed it. We always seemed to be chasing down payments from customers, and our farm income nearly stopped in the winter. We found that we had to keep growing all winter (with the aid of expensive greenhouses) and had to develop other methods of making money (such as raising organic hens, for example).

Now that we live in Rhode Island, where there is tremendous support for the CSA movement, we can do what we truly love, grow great food for great people. Receiving payment during the winter makes our life so much easier. Many of our greatest expenses take place in the winter and spring. We purchase seeds, organic fertilizers, equipment, and advertising materials. Since we receive payment during the winter and spring, we are able to buy the things we need to operate successfully without being stressed out all the time. In addition, we get to meet the people who eat the food we grow. We've met so many wonderful Rhode Islanders.

Considering the rising cost of real estate in Rhode Island, it is incredibly difficult for new farmers to establish themselves here. Thanks to the East Greenwich Land Trust, who leases us farmland at an affordable rate, we have been able to secure great farming land. But without your support as well, there might be one less farmer around. Thanks for joining our CSA program this year!