

Report from the Field

In our attempt to have the best habitat for predator and beneficial insects, we let many plants go to flower even though they may be past harvest stage. The following pictures are all



from our dill. It is amazing the number of insects that are visiting! In the picture with the honeybee, there are 5 others in the picture as well.



Dill is known for attracting beneficial insects, in particular parasitic wasps. These wasps lay eggs inside of, or on the exoskeleton of, their prey. The proliferation of insects visiting our flowering arugula is quite exciting to look at as well.



The basil plants are looking good (photo at right). It should be available next week. Break out the recipe book! Make sure you don't store them in fridge, they'll turn black very quickly, they store well on the counter in a vase, base in water.



Cucumbers continue to do well, and squash continue to lag. But the next planting (in the picture) is doing extremely well.



Cherry and regular tomatoes are doing very well (in the greenhouse)! The tallest plants are in excess of 8 feet! The tomato harvest looks very good for the near term.

We had a number of tomato horn worms on our tomatoes. They are huge! Normally parasitic wasps take care of them, placing a dozen eggs on their backs. Unfortunately that has not happened yet this year.

