

Report from the Field

As farmers (and humans, and likely most living things) we tend to focus on what is not going well. This is not necessarily out of some pessimistic view of the world, but rather the problems are what require the most of our attention. With conscious effort, we can remember to celebrate what is going well (happy children, cows), growing well (i.e. - peas and strawberries!), while still working on the problems (i.e. - undiagnosed cucumber ailment). With this in mind, this newsletter will focus only on crops that are doing well.

The tomatoes are thriving in the greenhouse. There are many green tomatoes on all the varieties we grow, including heirloom, regular and cherries. Whenever someone asks Sena when tomatoes will be ready she says on the 4th of July; it looks like this forecast will be correct (a small harvest for the first week or two). We are trying a bunch of new varieties this year; let us know what you like!



Oh, the strawberries are so good, the first fresh fruit of the spring, and probably the best of the year. It is quite the experience for us, since we abstain from fruit for the winter, except for what we are able to preserve. We know the quantity is small, but hopefully the quality makes up for it.

The peas in the greenhouse have come early, and they are producing well. In the next week the outdoor planting of peas will ripen, and then we will have abundance for a few weeks, until the pea season comes to an end. This is one of the crops that Sena and Aiyana help harvest.



The list of other crops that are thriving, such as the beets, carrots and lettuces pictured here, continues to grow each week, with the progressing of the season. Kale is coming!



Sundial Scribing Event

Happy summer solstice! Saturday the 21st is the solstice, the longest day of the year. Not surprisingly, the plants thrive at this time of the year, they are photosynthesizing fiends. For the spring equinox, we made a sundial and scribed a line where the shadow fell. We intend to do the same on the Saturday, weather permitting. Please plan to come anytime on Saturday to help chisel where the shadow falls.

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