

What might have been in your final box of 2009: **Farm News**

Onions, garlic, peppers—hot, sweet and green, winter squash, baby head lettuce, mixed greens with mustard mix, potatoes, parsley....



Pumpkin party happiness!

Here is a piece written by member Michelle about winter squash...thanks, Michelle:

I can tell that fall is here... there are many kinds of squash that are out there... and often no idea of what to do with them other than the same old same old. It really is a versatile vegetable.

In our house... we have done many things. I have often baked it and then put some in with cake mix or in with cupcakes. This is really awesome and adds extra fiber, and extra moistness to what you are eating. Last night my husband made a winter time chili where he peeled the squash, cubed it and added it to the slow cooker. Our kids loved it. Not only did it taste good but it was also very filling.

In this final newsletter I would like to first of all thank all of you for your participation in this season. As I have said so many times before, we couldn't do this without you.

Those of you who have been with us previous years know that this has been a particularly difficult season from a weather perspective all season long! For those of you new to local eating, part of the value of joining a CSA is becoming more in tune with the weather patterns of your local ecosystem. However, one can hope for slightly better, more conducive to growing food, conditions here in Southwest Wisconsin!

As we now switch gears from our regular season to winter shares, and then the winter planning season, we know that we will miss the regular contact with you. Usually I send out a survey from the year asking for your feedback about your membership with us. However, this year, I am simply going to ask you to email me with any feedback you think we should have. This can be about the food, newsletters, the website, communication in general, pick up sites, or anything else you think is relevant. Thank you for taking the time to do this. It is your feedback which allows us to improve.

Finally, for those of you who have been following my dad's health and who have shared your concern, good thoughts and kindness—thank you so much. He is currently visiting his sister on the East Coast, a trip which had been scheduled before his relapse, and the hope of which provided incentive to recover from the chemotherapy and be discharged from the hospital. After this trip he will be home to share this season with us. We will love having him here...

Peace and well wishes for the winter,

Jennifer