



CSA Newsletter

WEEK 3 • SUMMER 2023



Member Updates

Community Supported Agriculture is all about members sharing the risks of the growing season with farmers, so we wanted to share some of the challenges we have been facing this year.



First: oh, deer! Despite our fields and hoop houses being secured with deer fencing, our four legged friends have been outsmarting these systems and finding their way inside for evening and weekend buffets. We are working to correct these issues, but sadly, the deer have eaten many of our squash, broccoli, and cabbage plants. We hope to share some squash in the coming weeks as the remaining plants mature!



Second: temperature fluctuations! The inconsistent temperatures this spring and summer have caused some of our crops, such as tomatoes, to come on later than usual. The good news is that the tomatoes are beginning to pop, and as they do, we are rotating the summer goodness between share sizes from week to week until we have enough to share with everyone on a weekly basis!

As always, we are so grateful for your understanding and patience, and especially for your support of our mission!

CUSTOMER SERVICE NEEDS: If you have questions or concerns, contact Beth Kuntz-Wineland, our Gardens Specialist, at bkuntzwineland@bittersweetfarms.org or 419-875-6986 ext. 1205.

Veggies of the Week

LEEKs
CARMEN PEPPERS
EGGPLANT
ONIONS
GOLDEN BEETS
CELERY
KALE
BASIL
FLOWER BOUQUET





Delivering produce to our community partners is my favorite!

-KENNY (BELOW, COMMUNICATED VIA SIGN LANGUAGE)

Gardens Team Highlights

This week, we're highlighting two core members of the Gardens Team: Mike and Kenny!

First, Mike (pictured above) is an expert in many of the more intricate tasks of gardening, such as measuring and recording the temperatures on a daily basis in our hoop houses to ensure proper growing conditions. Each day, he is proud to check his tasks off the list and contribute to the team and your CSA experience!

Second, Kenny (pictured at right, above) prides himself on making sure all of our plants are watered on the days he works in Gardens! Kenny is a jack of all trades, working in Gardens, Art, Janitorial, and the Barn...but his ALL time favorite activity is delivering produce to our community partners each Friday, especially Betco in Bowling Green! His proud enthusiasm is simply contagious!

Finally, a note that the beautiful flowers in your share were arranged by Keerston (pictured at right, below) and grown by the whole team from seed to harvest! Enjoy!



Weekly Meal Inspiration

- [Fresh Basil Hummus](#)
- [Chard and Potato Leek Frittata](#)
- [Mediterranean Kale Salad](#)