



## Farmer Andrew's Report

Thanks to everyone who came to the 'Planning your vegetable garden' class. I always enjoy talking garden with other growers.

Beautiful weather has allowed the newly transplanted vegetables to thrive. The crew has been working at a frantic pace to get as many crops in the ground as we can before the rains return.

Today, down in our main growing field, we witnessed a red fox jump the electric fencing protecting the laying flock, grab a chicken, hop out of the yard and run across the field. We all ran after the fox, but it was too late for the chicken. While we were all sad to see one of our birds go, it's a rare site to see a red fox hunting in the middle of the day. Tomorrow morning we'll move the two mobile chicken houses out of the field and hopefully the fox will concentrate on the rabbits and groundhogs who have been munching on our broccoli and lettuce.



On a chilly, rainy day in late April, Meghan and Karen plant a new crop of raspberries in the field next to the strawberries.

### Farm Happenings:

#### May Hours:

Wednesday 1–7pm

Thursday 1–7pm

Friday 9am–7pm

Saturday 9am–5pm

Sunday Noon–5pm

#### Organic Plant Sale

May 19 & 20, 26 & 27

#### Compost Lecture

Saturday, May 19th, 9:30

#### Produce Available:

Lettuce, Spinach, Swiss Chard, Broccoli, Carrots, Beets, Zucchini, Tomatoes, Potatoes, Onions, Sweet Potatoes, Garlic, Winter Squash, Strawberries, Peaches, Apples, Bananas, Raisins, Nuts (some items vary by week)

## Organic Plant Sale

Our fourth annual plant sale will be held Saturday, May 19th from 9am–5pm and Sunday, May 18th from Noon–5pm. We will also have seedlings for sale the following Saturday and Sunday. Certified organic seedlings will include heirloom tomatoes, peppers, squash, flowers and herbs. Again this year, we will have organic seed packets, fertilizer and potting soil. Andrew will try to be there to answer any questions and will have soil test forms available, for those interested in sending samples to the UMASS testing lab. Remember, don't plant out frost sensitive plants until after Memorial Day weekend.



High quality compost from the Vermont Compost Company is available at the farm stand to get your soil off to a great start!

**The CSA is Full...  
Thank you!**

### Wednesday Pick-Ups

**We have a large number of members who have requested Wednesday pick-ups.**

**If you would like to switch your day, please call our office at 978-468-3720. Fridays seem to be a very light day for pick-ups.**



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## One-of-a-Kind Recycled Bags



We're really excited to carry these terrific bags in the stand. Once used for carrying commodities in Southeast Asia, the rice & feed bags used to create these one-of-a-kind pieces have been 100% recycled into a new life as designer shoulder bags. Each is skillfully crafted in small batches by a fully certified Fair Trade Co-op in Cambodia.

Constructed with tough as nails material, details include box stitching at stress points, wide, adjustable shoulder strap and zippered closure. Interior features black lining and clip for keys and two small pockets ideal for cell phone and pens. All bags feature authentic prints & colorful dyes that will beautifully fade with wear. Recycled Shoulder Bags make a great day-bag, purse or messenger. Perfect accessory for the commuter.

One-of-a-kind style: because these bags are handmade in small quantities, original prints will vary from bag to bag.

## Parties and Company Picnics at the Farm



We're now booking for 2007 season parties and company events at the farm. Whether it's an all day team build including "get your hands dirty" time in the fields, or an evening get together with gourmet appetizers and wine, our staff can help you plan a memorable event. Our certified kitchen is available for a caterers use, and beer and wine may be served at the farm. Hayride tours of the farm are available. We can help you customize your party, with contact numbers for catering companies, live entertainment and activities for children. CSA members receive a 10% discount off our party rate. Please email [organicfarmer@comcast.net](mailto:organicfarmer@comcast.net) for more information about scheduling an event.

## Digging for Gold... Compost! Saturday, May 19th at 9:30

Some call it 'dirt', others call it 'gold'. Compost is the essential ingredient in farming and gardening organically. Did you know that there are more organisms in a handful of compost than all the people in the world? We will get our shovels in the compost and identify some of those critters, and discuss what they need in order to do their work. You will learn to start your own compost pile at home, recycle your waste and create your own fertilizer. Geared towards whole families, or children ages 5 and up. \$10 per child or \$20 per family (\$8 per member, \$16 per member family). The class is approximately one hour long.

This workshop is part of our "Farm Family Saturdays" programs. Please visit our website at [www.gmfarm.com](http://www.gmfarm.com) to see all of our 2007 Educational Programs. You can also call our office or visit the farm stand for a brochure. The classes are filling up quickly but there is still room, especially for the school-aged programs.



Laura Davis, the farm's education coordinator, explains the dos and don'ts of composting.