



LA FERME COOPÉRATIVE AUX CHAMPS QUI CHANTENT

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Hello, partners! Week of September 17th, 2012

In this week's basket : ground cherries, red peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, green beans, eggplant, lettuce, parsley, cabbage and swiss chard.

Eggs are coming!

As the summer is winding down for the vegetable season we are bringing in our storage crops for the winter and planting new cold-hardy crops in the unheated greenhouse. We are also waiting anxiously for our flock of chickens to start producing eggs. It has been quite the journey this summer with our chickens...

We got our first chickens back in May as little, 2 week old chicks from a breeder in Laval who specializes in rare and interesting chicken breeds. We started with about 30 chicks not knowing if they were male or female then bought 30 more one day old, female chicks from the feed store in June. Then one sad night near the end of June, a raccoon entered the coop by pushing a board off a nail in the top corner and killed all of the older chickens but the young ones survived as they were in a separate small cage. This was a hard moment on the farm and a big set back in when we were going to be able to start producing eggs. We cleaned up the top of our barn where the raccoon was possible living, bought a trap and relocated 3 raccoons off our farm.

We told our story to the breeder in Laval and we worked out some exchanges to replenish our flock. He gave us about 50 more birds in exchange for a cake for his son's birthday that looked like a violin, some veggies and some veal meat when it is ready. Our barn was once again happy with the sounds of chickens. We also received a couple of more birds from our friend and CSA partner, including one laying hen. For the past several weeks we have also been building a new home for the chickens in the barn. We have greatly increased the amount of indoor space for the birds and built them and outdoor space where they can run around during the day. We are now waiting for the first eggs to start arriving. We should have about 15 dozen eggs to sell every week. Hopefully there will be eggs at the last few summer CSA drop-offs, and we plan to continue to get eggs to our CSA partners through-out the winter. Keep an eye on our facebook page for more information.

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Have a good week !