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## **Week One: Welcome to the 2026 CSA season!**

Whether you're a returning member or are trying our CSA for the first time this year, thank you for joining us this season. We have a small team of just six farmers, so we all tend to become personally invested in each crop. One of the most rewarding parts of the year is finally sharing those crops with you: sharing the excitement, the favorite recipes, the stories. In May, it feels like we're six people growing vegetables, but in June, we realize that there are hundreds of us who care deeply about this food and this community. We are so excited to spend the summer enjoying the harvest with you!

The weather this spring has been great for getting plants in the ground. The snow melted quickly and the soil wasn't too soggy to work. We've been able to transplant most of our crops earlier this year than last, so we expect fruiting plants like cucumbers and tomatoes may come in earlier this season. Our early summer leafy greens, however, are growing fairly slowly since we haven't yet had an abundance of hot and sunny days. Our strawberries were also dormant well into the late winter due to snow cover, so they've had a slow start as well. You'll notice this weather impact in the first few weeks of your share; we'll start out with a small assortment of crops, but soon enough the variety should increase dramatically.

You are picking up at **Powisset Farm in Dover**. Your pick-up day is Tuesday, 2:30PM-6:30PM, Thursday 2:30PM-6:30PM, or Saturday 9AM-1PM.

### **This week your share will include:**

- Spinach
- Carrots
- Lettuce Mix

### **Pick Your Own (PYO)**

*The PYO area gate is shut 1/2 hour after distribution time.*

- Strawberries

- Herbs (Sage, Thyme, Oregano)

Please note that while we do our best to predict what will be in your share each week, share content may be subject to change.

## **CSA Membership Benefits**

Your CSA share comes with several exclusive benefits at Powisset Farm, including 10% off at the Farm Store on your CSA pickup day. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our new store manager, Laura!

Additionally, your share includes [free admission to our Thursday Summer Sunsets series](#) featuring relaxing evenings of live music, wood-fired pizza, beer, wine and more. These family-friendly evenings will take place on June 25, July 23, and August 13.

Our popular complimentary CSA cooking demos are back this year! We will hold demos once a month (dates still TBD) during the CSA season with Chef Charlotte in the Powisset Kitchen. These Saturday cooking demos will fill up quickly, so registration is required. We will send you registration links for the cooking demos as the season unfolds. We hope you enjoy these perks throughout the summer and look forward to seeing you at Powisset Farm!

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## **Important Reminders**

### **Questions for the Farm Team?**

Are you curious about anything related to the farm or the CSA that we haven't covered in this season's newsletters? We'd love to hear your questions and hope to answer some of them in an upcoming newsletter. Please submit your questions using [this form](#).

You'll likely meet members of the Powisset Farm team throughout the season, and we will all be contributing to this weekly newsletter. Look for photos in upcoming newsletters! The team is comprised of:

**Field Crop Manager:** Tim Laird

**Assistant Field Crop Manager:** Aubrey Dority

**Field Crew:** Elizabeth, Janelle, Thomas, and Corey

**CSA Distribution Team:** Mary Anna and Suzanne

If you have any questions about picking up your share, please refer to the [CSA Handbook](#) or contact us at [powissetcsa@thetrustees.org](mailto:powissetcsa@thetrustees.org).



*Above: A preview of this season's early summer greens, growing at our Fork Factory Brook fields. The spinach in the foreground will be harvested this week. Behind it is Napa cabbage, chard, kale, more spinach, lettuce and bok choy.*

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