

Meanwhile Back at the Farm...August 16, 2001

Howdy Folks,

Well the move from hell is finally mostly over. We are finally moved out of Woodside but of course that just means we get to deal with the Chaos of a zillion boxes stacked up in the barn at Pescadero. This week we will be washing and packing at the "new" processing area at Matadero. We will be doing the vegetable washing here until the end of the Season in November. Hope there won't be too many bugs in the changeover.

Matadero is doing pretty well. We are starting to see some of the tomatoes getting pink so it won't be long now until the tomato tidal wave starts coming in. The plants are loaded with green fruit. The peppers are unbelievable. We are just picking the biggest and best with many more being left to continue to grow and mature. I am so proud of how they are coming out this year. Next week we'll pick you lots of Anaheim peppers too.

Our new summer squash plants are coming on strong and we did a first pick of them this week at Matadero. It really seems strange not to be harvesting at Woodside anymore. It's kind of like a ghost town there now with the greenhouses removed and the trellises all taken down. One thing's for sure, there are going to be some bodacious weeds growing there this winter. There is so much residual fertility from all the work we did there. I wouldn't doubt that the grass will grow 8 feet tall this winter. Nature has taken back over there with a fierceness that's hard to believe. The gophers are going to be so fat there.

It is so different over here in Pescadero. It's really cold and foggy/drippy at night. During the day it's hard to tell what time it is with the grey fog wrapped around everything. Greens are doing very well here and you should start seeing them soon. This week's salad mix and baby bok choi comes from here. Although I see some people growing corn and tomatoes in some of the gardens around here, I can't hardly believe that they will mature. Ed says that we are in fireman's weather. Three days of fog then three days of sun. I'm sure looking forward to that three days of sun.

No recipe this week due to our not having all our technology hooked up to get it from my mom.

The Food

Genovese Basil: A repeat of last week, this tropical mint is perhaps most people's favorite herb. This powerful basil is the best for pesto.

Salad Mix: Mostly lettuces

Baby Bok Choi: still a little bolty even though we grew it in Pescadero.

Summer squash: First Matadero Crop

Swiss Chard: A First cutting from Matadero.

Sweet Peppers: Big beautiful stuffers

Cucumbers: Various types