



We just finished up with one of the last major projects for the season spreading straw over the strawberries and our garlic. This mulching process is pretty important for both of these crops in order for them to survive the winter. While breaking up the bales and spreading straw over the field, memories remain of those fresh juicy strawberries we picked last summer. Just the thought of them made our job a bit more bearable to the cold. Strawberry harvest is a long ways off but thinking of warmer days and eating strawberries helped us get through the day. A grand thank you to everyone who came out to help with the mulching.

The new seed catalogs are coming in the mail and soon it'll be time to order our seeds for next year. It's always a great way to get psyched up for the upcoming year by looking at all the pictures, and reading the descriptions of each. Making repeat selections of those old reliable favorites, while adding some new varieties to

CSA vegetable shares are now available for next summer. Click on "Sign me up for 2018" and you'll be redirected to our online sign-up page.

If you're a returning member be sure to first click on the link at the top of the web page inside the green box.

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the list to trial is all part of the thrill.

What to grow and how much to plant is always the part of the seed ordering process that gets a little tricky unless we have a better idea where our membership will end up for the year. Community supported agriculture (CSA) is a very important part of our farm. We strive each year to come up with a planting plan to best suit everyone's seasonal vegetable needs. The easiest way to plan for what to grow and how much to plant is knowing at the earliest possible point how many families we'll have to provide for. If you're able to sign up now for next summer we'd surely appreciate it. If not, give us a heads up with a quick email and let us know when you're planning to return. Telling us what you liked about this year, and perhaps something you'd like to see different for next year would be a great help with our planning.



Breaking open and fluffing the straw before covering.

If you're in need of a source of local and organic produce to get through the winter try visiting the Milwaukee winter farmers market. The market opens every Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Mitchell Park domes. When you're shopping for fresh produce from an unfamiliar source below is a useful guide to qualify vendors and the food they're selling. Published by the Cornucopia Institute it contains a variety of questions to ask producers and vendors about the food you're about to purchase. We encourage you to use this guide to ask questions to us too. We're always open to answering questions any time. Especially at this time of the year when we have plenty of time to talk. Thank you again for making our season a success and we look forward to your return in 2018. Happy Holidays!

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## 2017 Farm Photo Album

Here's a collection of photos taken by all of us at the farm this summer. It's a quick glimpse of the season as we tackled our daily work activities. Take a moment to see what we did each week to fill those boxes with delicious vegetables. Click the link and select "slide show" under the "more options" menu to view the album.



Enjoy!



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