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28 days until the first CSA delivery!



Steve mows down a cover crop aka "green manure" in preparation for planting in this field. The green organic matter is food for the microorganisms that live in the soil. Various teeny tiny creatures, fungi and bacteria work in symbiotic relationships with plants. The microorganisms convert nutrition in the soil to a usable plant form and the plant roots exude food for many of the microorganisms. Pretty cool! Without a give and take relationship in the soil one would need to apply fertilizers of a conventional, nonorganic type.

No life or organic matter = dirt. Lots of life and organic matter = healthy soil.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ALERT!

1. The first CSA delivery of 2016 is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th. We will be emailing a Welcome Letter to all CSA members whose names & emails on the account about one week prior to June 16th. Watch for this and please read it carefully and save it.
2. We are happy to answer questions via email, the phone or in person. Also know that for your convenience a lot of questions can be answered by reading the info on our website: <http://www.rareearthfarm.com/> We have even added a FAQ section.
3. Our farm store has lots of fun items right now....2016 Dinner on the Farm tickets, tomato plants, eggs, cookbook, t-shirts and coming soon: farm hats and maple syrup! Once harvest season begins there will be fresh produce available as well.

4. Don't forget to check out the end of the newsletter for the Summer Solstice/Farm Yoga announcement.

5. One of the perks of being a CSA member is the connection to your farmers and farm. We encourage folks to attend our on farm events and/or visit the farm at other times of the season. Debra Jo will do her best to spend time with folks who set up an appointment for a visit. You are also welcome to visit and self-tour.

We are both looking forward to and already enjoying growing food for our CSA members! Let's make it a great season together!

Eat well, Be well,

Debra Jo & Steve



Bell Pepper plants being planted in our heated greenhouse. Lettuces are already planted on the left side.





# Summer Solstice Party & Farm Yoga at Rare Earth Farm

Join us in welcoming Summer!

We have multiple fun activities happening throughout the day.....

**11am-12pm Yoga** with Paula Evans E-YRT

**12noon Picnic Lunch:** bring your own picnic & blanket.

Eat with family and friends beside our veggie fields.

Homemade desserts & ice cream provided by the farm.

**12noon-5pm Outdoor Games:** Volleyball, Horseshoe Toss, Gunnysack Races,  
Pinata Fun & Farm Tours by request

**Saturday, June 18th, 2016**

6806 Hwy KW, Belgium, WI 53004

Suggested donation: \$5/person or \$10/family Public Welcome

