

# Holcomb Farm CSA Newsletter

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## This Week's Crops

Pac Choi  
Lettuce  
Scallions  
Salad Turnips  
Easter Egg Radishes  
Arugula  
Komatsuna – Asian Cooking Green  
Green Garlic

## Pick Your Own

Strawberries

## Special Opening Week Gift For All Members

Potted Basil Plant

Note: Due to a shipping delay, the canvas bags will not be distributed this week. We'll provide plastic share bags until we get the canvas ones.

## Farm Update

After a cold, wet April and hot, dry early May, the last few weeks have been excellent growing weather. Much of the farm has been planted on time and we have even started planting some of our fall crops. Our greenhouse tomatoes were planted two weeks late thanks to the inevitable construction delays but they are still way ahead of the field tomatoes. We already have a healthy crop of big green fruit! Most crops are doing well including the early greens, roots, onions, and potatoes. Our early brassicas (cabbage, broccoli, etc) are growing better than I've ever seen on our new field in North Granby. We had a setback in our pick-your-own cherry tomatoes. They had a pythium infection and we had to cull a sizable portion of the crop. Hopefully

we got the disease before it could infect more of the tomato crop. Our spring spinach crop is also not great. We planted a fraction of the amount we need because of land damaged in the April flooding and unfortunately, much of what we did plant has already bolted or is swamped in weeds. On the plus side, after last year's eggplant failure, I'm happy to report a large crop of very healthy young plants in the field. And this year's strawberry crop is back to a respectable level after last year's slim pickings on first year plants.

A big thanks to the 80+ volunteers from local Mormon churches who turned out for a service day and gave the farm a major sprucing up!

### Snazzy New CSA Cookbook Now Available in the Holcomb Farm Shop

“Farmer John’s Cookbook: The Real Dirt On Vegetables features seasonal recipes, stories, fresh insights, and unusual revelations by nutrition experts, shareholders, farm workers, and Farmer John himself. In addition to the 225 recipes and culinary suggestions, The Real Dirt On Vegetables features color and black & white photos of the vegetables growing in the fields, and of the crew harvesting, washing, and sorting. Lyrical yet practical, it builds relationship with the vegetables and deepens the understanding of the farm on which they are grown.” - from [www.angelicorganics.com](http://www.angelicorganics.com)

### New Connecticut Farm Documentary

Holcomb Farm CSA makes a small appearance in Ken Simon's excellent new CPTV documentary about the past and present of farming CT. The makers of this film have packed an impressive amount of information on the interesting history of CT farms and the contemporary issues we are facing today. The story is told through interviews with farmers, historians, policy makers, and others. “Working the Land: The Story of Connecticut Agriculture” has aired on CT Public Television and is available on DVD from SimonPure Productions: [www.workingtheland.com](http://www.workingtheland.com)

### Two Good Websites for Finding Local Food

The Sustainable Table: [www.eatwellguide.org](http://www.eatwellguide.org)  
Local Harvest: [www.localharvest.org](http://www.localharvest.org)