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Hello,

What a crazy last couple of weeks. We have been busy little bees on the farm. We want to have a CSA Farm Day. We are looking at the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of June on a Sunday. We will host a friendly relaxing picnic, nothing fancy, free of charge, just getting to know each other better. What do you think?? We know everyone is always busy but sometimes you just need to slow down and smell the lavender. We picked this time of the year so we can treat you guys to the very first of the tomatoes and melons. Maybe some of our musical talented members will bring their guitars! (You know who you are). And of course everything prepared will be organic. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

### **This week's box**

We have kale, garlic greens, romaine, mint, cilantro, red cabbage, potatoes, carrots & oregano. We didn't go crazy planting too many leeks but we have made some of the best soup by starting the soup with sautéed leeks. We will miss them in the box this week. We made a simple kale potato soup tonight and it was good. I used roasted garlic and parsley to start, and then added some chicken bouillon, diced potatoes, cut kale and let simmer for a while. You could add chicken or ham if you like. Very simple and good.

### **Farm Report**

The big news on the farm is the baby chicks! They are so cute....We hope to laying hens some day soon. We have a more kids. Mommas and babies doing very well. This makes 11 so far this year. We are planting daily, in the green house and out in the field. Ivan and Sarah have been trying to keep up with the weed. The rest of us are going non-stop all day every day. We are interviewing for new intern for this summer. I wish we had something for all of them. It looks very positive we'll have a young man from Toulouse, France and a couple others from the states.

Deliveries will be every Thursday (no more skipping weeks) Be kind to your drop off host and pick up you box on time.

Los Banos is having a Earth Day Celebration April 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 12:00 at the Henry Miller Plaza, Come out, show your support!!

Welcome new members! We love to hear from you....

Until next week,

Farmer John & Shelby