



Middleton Farm's Newsletter

December 2012

Next Year's Crop List

Every year we look at the previous season to determine how popular items were to our members. We also request feedback from our members to find out which vegetables they would like to see available to them. We then take these two pieces of information, as well as our farm capabilities and determine the next year's crop list!

Requests are being taken currently for next year's crop list. If you have a chance, you can visit the website to see the 2012 list. As you will note, some veggies did not make it into the harvest shares because of weather problems or unexpected pests. Please keep that in mind for the next year as well.

We have applied for a grant that will provide us with a Hoop House! This hoop house is vital to the growth of leafy vegetables, which are difficult to keep fresh and crisp enough for the drive to the market.

If we get this addition, we will be able to devote a half acre

to leafy vegetables such as lettuce, spinach, and kale.

So please let us know if there is anything you are interested in adding to the 2013 Crop List! Seeds will be ordered in January!

The 2012 crop list can be found at:
www.middletonfarmcsa.com/harvestshareinfo.htm

Change in Drop-off locations!

Drop-off locations are changing due to the size of members in certain areas.

Currently, we are expecting to only have a Harvest Share drop-off on Thursdays in Midland.

This means that both the Saginaw and Mount Pleasant drop-offs will be discontinued.

We will be at the Midland Farmers' Market as well as the Bay City Farmers' Market to sell our grass-fed beef!

Please keep this in mind for the next season!

Egg share opportunity

Winter egg share sign up is here! Again! Due to the mild weather, our chickens are producing better than expected. So if you or a friend would like to sign up, we are accepting 2 more egg share members!

Maybe you are looking to find a Christmas present for that hard to buy for person! Consider the gift of eggs!

Purchases can be made on the website store.

Just a reminder, the drop-off location is at 810 E. Ashman in Midland on Tuesdays.

We will be there from 5 to 5:15pm. If you are unable to make it at that time, there will be a cooler on the porch and the eggs will be self-serve. The cooler will only be available for that evening.

In case of emergencies, you may contact Kim to make other arrangements for your eggs by emailing her at mkpalka@yahoo.com. (Emergencies only please.)

Attention Hunters!

Are you looking for a place to hunt? Are you hunting with a muzzleloader? Guess what! We still have spots available for the muzzleloader season!

Please contact Matt Middleton to schedule your visit out at the farm. Come and help us keep our deer population down!



Meat Share Members!

If you have had an opportunity to try our grain-fed or grass-fed beef, please consider becoming a meat share member!

One of the benefits of being a meat share member is that you will be able to purchase a Harvest Share at a discounted price.

We have several meat shares available in our online store and can still accommodate a few more Harvest Shares within our 2013 season. Nothing goes better with our grass-fed steaks than half of an acorn squash baked with butter and brown sugar! Even better is a grilled hamburger made with our ground beef and served with olive oil roasted potatoes.

Try it! Maybe you'll like it!

End of the year quiz

With a full year of newsletters behind us, let take a look at some of the things we have mentioned!

Sharpen your pencils and no looking to your neighbors for help!

What is another name for exotic cuts of meat?

- A) Exotico cutso
- B) Pieces parts
- C) Offal
- D) Exotic cuts 2.0

The people who benefit most from Gluten Free diets are:

- A) Klingons
- B) Ones with a wheat allergy
- C) Dolphins
- D) Ones with a candy allergy

Who sang, "I'm Farming and I Grow It"?

- A) Lady Gaga
- B) Conway Twitty
- C) Peterson Farm Brothers
- D) Matt Middleton

If you are stuck in Europe and cannot speak the language, which word(s) would probably get you a potato?

- A) Papas, kartoffal and bulve
- B) Te gusta la playa!
- C) Fahrvergnügen
- D) Bond, James Bond

What was the recipe featured in July's newsletter?

- A) You print recipes?
- B) Tomatillo Hoedown
- C) Bacon Burger Dogs
- D) Basil Banana Pepper Jelly

Beets were the vegetable featured in the newsletter in what month?

- A) June
- B) July
- C) Newsletter?
- D) December

Salsa Verde is made primarily with what vegetable offered by Middleton farm?

- A) Tomatillo
- B) Tomato
- C) Tillotomato
- D) Tito Puento

Middleton Farm was almost hit by what weather phenomenon?

- A) Diamond Dust
- B) Tornado
- C) Kelvin-Helmholtz instability
- D) St. Elmo's Fire

Which of these is a new product of Middleton Farm?

- A) Monkey butter
- B) Big 3 Meat
- C) The Slaughterhouse 5
- D) Oceans 11

Which of these is NOT an ingredient in Pheasant with Orange Sauce?

- A) Pheasant
- B) Orange juice
- C) Paprika
- D) Dune Spice

How can you tell if a vendor is really from a farm at the Farmer's Market?

- A) They aren't wearing overalls.
- B) They drive a BMW.
- C) They sing "I'm Not Farming and I Don't Grow It"
- D) Off-season offerings

Have a great holiday season!

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