Week seven is already here! We can't wait for you to try out all of our goodies! May we tempt you with eggplant? Also available at our Mobile Farmer Market locations.
Student Gardens Updates

July 23, 2014 (Week Seven)

Weekly Produce
Solo Shares
Beets
Purple Peppers
Hot Peppers
Red Romaine Lettuce
Russian Kale
Green Onions
Pickles
Green Beans
Medium Shares + Solo
Eggplant
Full Shares + Medium + Solo
Swiss Chard
Summer Squash
Tomatoes

Farm fresh eggs delivered for $3.00 a dozen!
Please have last week’s empty baskets ready to pick up at delivery.

Truck Gardening
Beth Joslin

I don’t think we’ve really talked about the brains behind the produce. Or should I say, the brawn. Andrews University Student Garden customers, I’d like to introduce you to Ginger, Betsy, Kim, Michelle, and Tom (he’s kind of the Bosley of the group – or so he would have you think). We’ll dive right in, allowing you to get to know this hardworking group personally; apologies, Kim. Well, I guess that will force me to explain Kim’s situation. Kim is gently retired. He’s done a lot of observing lately. Yeah, Kim’s named after a man who used to drive him on deliveries. But it’s been awhile and we’re not even really sure about driver Kim. But truck Kim has been doing excellent research and we’re sure he’ll join the delivery team again. If only in spirit. But that’s ok because that brings us to another member of the group who’s worked on the publicity, the fame, and the glitter of it all. Ginger. Although she might be known as the namesake to the character in Gilligan’s Island, if only to her, the rest of the team has certainly stood back. Her sleek golden coat, of the past, has now, let’s just say, allowed her some humility. But the beauty of aging is the wisdom that comes along with. Ginger does a much better job with her work now; having left the craziness of her fame in Berrien Springs in her wake, getting used to the life away from the constant eyes of the paparazzi. You can still see her, visit her, ask for an autograph, tell her what a great job she’s doing with the deliveries, and how she really is such a humanitarian now.
Truck Gardening
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Speaking of charitable, we should probably let Betsy do some explaining. Perhaps christened after a most common bovine name, her tan form can be seen roaming about Andrews, displaying her Dairy logo proudly. Around the office, or away from the pump, there are whispers of her temper, her glorious rage. But she would like to say that this is, “just how I speak” and, “that’s just the voice I was born with.” The truth is, she does have some muffler issues, as well as other “transmissional” problems that, really, she doesn’t have much control of. Betsy is what you’d like to call a natural born leader, even if she can’t reverse to see the group she’s leading. And even though she is just a little coarse, eye roll, she does have a great sense of humor.

Well now that we’ve gotten the gentler spirits of the group out of the way, I’d like to introduce you to Michelle. Michelle is pretty much a prime vehicular example of veganism. She likes to think that Michelle Obama named her herself because she is so great a specimen to all that saw her Mobile Farm Market’s sign on her side. The transportation department just nods. But we are not at all implying that Michelle is not 100 percent focused on her job. As an ex-FedEx, she has worked her entire life delivering important parcels to eager customers. But never has a job suited her as well as working for Andrews University Student Gardens. And we couldn’t be more grateful for her.

Oh, before I forget! Say hi to Tom. Hi, Tom. He’s a great guy. Usually on the quiet side, Tom kind of keeps to himself. It’s probably because, like a broken jaw wired to heal, Tom’s frame has had some ordeals. He mostly mumbles. But they’re kind mumbles, and the rest of the team makes sure to give him a pat on the back for his efforts. Tom does enjoy long strolls to the fields, the morning dew of the orchards, and soft summer sunsets at the end of a workday. If you catch him out on the job, make sure to give him a little high-five, however that may be done, and to comment on how remarkably strong his tailgate is – holding all that heavy produce, keeping it from falling.

There you have it! That’s our whole team (except the humans that drive them) that transports your vegetables, fruits, flowers, and herbs. We’d like to, humans included, thank you for your support that brings us all together to enjoy what the earth has to offer.

Eggplant Sandwiches
Allrecipes.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 small eggplant, halved and sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, as needed
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 (6 inch) French sandwich rolls
- 1 small tomato, sliced
- ½ cup crumbled Feta
- ¼ cup chopped fresh basil leaves

PREP: 20 MINS  COOK: 10 MINS  READY IN: 30 MINS

DIRECTIONS

- STEP 1 Preheat your oven's broiler. Brush eggplant slices with olive oil, and place them on a baking sheet or broiling pan. Place the pan about 6 inches from the heat source. Cook under the broiler for 10 minutes, or until tender and toasted.
- STEP 2 Split the French rolls lengthwise, and toast. In a cup or small bowl, stir together the mayonnaise and garlic. Spread this mixture on the toasted bread. Fill the rolls with eggplant slices, tomato, feta cheese and basil leaves.

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