We're already at week fifteen! Only three weeks left, sadly.

We're loaded with apples! So if you're in the Berrien area come pick some up!

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Student Gardens Updates

September 18, 2014 (Week Fifteen)

Weekly Produce

Solo Shares
- Kale
- Buttercup Squash
- Green Onions
- Colored Peppers
- Tomatoes
- Rosemary
- Fennel
- Hot Peppers

Medium Shares
- Beets
- Kohlrabi
- Swiss Chard

Full Shares
- Acorn Squash
- Summer Squash

Farm fresh eggs delivered for $4.00 a dozen!

This week’s fruit shares receive apples!

Gardening with Dogs

Dr. Katherine Koudde

Last spring I decided to plant a garden for the first time in 15+ years. I knew I was getting a CAS subscription and that there would be vegetables aplenty from that but some garden space on our property had opened up since the above-ground pool was finally gone – thanks Craig’s List – and the exposed ground mat under it was just too tempting. Planting through the ground mat wasn’t essential, no weed control was necessary, and in a surprisingly turned out, are very few insect pests appeared so the whole process was better than anticipated. Since July we’ve been delighted by the abundance of broccoli, green beans, kohlrabi, cabbage, green peppers, and now tomatoes.

While watering the garden or harvesting, we enjoy the company of our dogs as they run around the lawn and do the sorts of things dogs do: sniffing, scratching, rolling, chewing on sticks. Otis, our Golden Retriever with the typical enthusiasm and assisted development of that breed, was particularly interested in the harvesting activities. I was admiring our peppers and showing an especially nice one to my daughter, Beth. I turned my attention to the green beans when Otis galloped up to sniff around the garden. I didn’t give it much thought until I returned to pick the pepper. It was gone. I looked around and then noticed that Otis was unusually quiet and off by himself paying diligent attention to something between his paws, our prize pepper. I was expecting it to be a punctured mess but there was not a mark on it just lots of happy dog saliva.
Gardening with Dogs

Retrievers are known for their soft-mouths and can gently hold fragile objects. The pepper was rescued and rinsed off. Otis was not deterred by losing his pepper and promptly returned to the garden to harvest another. That one was rescued, too, and not to be outdone by a dog, I picked all the rest of them that day. On subsequent gardening days, Otis proved he had become aelier pepper-picker snatching them off the plants quicker than one could imagine. I had to use my stern dog-obedience-instructor voice to order him away from the garden.

Our other dog, Princess, a Shetland Sheep Dog Beth rescued from the county animal shelter last spring, is a typical shellshocked with a hyper-stimulated prey drive for passing cars so she has to be watched closely during the gardening sessions. She was not interested in the garden produce so much as in the gardeners. Our bare legs and flip flops walking between the garden and the house provided an outlet for her frustrated prey drive and latent desire to herd something. While carrying a bowl of garden bounty, I suddenly felt a sharp nip on my heel that was more startling than painful. I quickly spun around to confront the would-be herder and she showed contrition but it was short-lived. A bit later, she let Beth know she needed to be herded, too. Last you think that Princess is the one in charge of our relationships, we are able to play her for a fool and pretend to find a cherry tomato and broccoli flotet tasty and she'll eagerly gobble it down. That dog is such a sucker...

Garth’s dog, a beagle named Bennett, has a totally different approach to gardening. Bennett does not care much for harvesting or managing the gardeners but feels it is his duty to rid the garden of invading vermin. He throws his heart into this by digging vigorously in any loose soil he can find that might possibly harbor moles, shrews, mice, and their kin. His nose and ears wiz for staying on a scent keeps him on task and successful in his quest. The collateral damage done to the garden may exceed the potential loss of produce from the targeted vermin. But how can one really get after a four-legged fellow just trying to do his job and help out the leaders of his pack?

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Hot Pepper Cheese Ball

**Allrecipes.com**

PREP: 1 HR 5 MINS
READY IN: 1 HR 10 MINS

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 (8 ounces) package cream
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup extra sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 cup shredded Pepper Jack cheese
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 4 oz can chopped jalapenos

**DIRECTIONS**
1. In a large bowl, stir together cream cheese, Cheddar, sharp Cheddar, and Pepper Jack cheeses, chopped jalapenos, onion powder, garlic powder, mayonnaise, and Worcestershire sauce. Cover and refrigerate mixture 1 hour.
2. Shape mixture into a ball. Roll ball in chopped pecans.

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