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Week 1

Newsletter

The contents of your box this week will be made up of the following:

Name	Method	Source
Potatoes	No Spray	Tenterden
Cauli	No Spray	Ash
Peppers	No Spray	Walmestone
Mixed Salad	Organic	Wye
Toms	No Spray	Walmestone
Rhubarb	No Spray	Ash

More salad items again this week. I was hoping for some broad beans – a personal favourite – but still we have to wait. Maybe next week as it is planning on getting warmer. Again. As I mentioned last week, we do have some soft fruit now, but as they are expensive I'll not put them in the box. We do offer a Summer Fruit Extra, for £2/week and if you choose that you'll get extra summer fruit through to the end of August at least; just let us know if you want to take up the offer.

As I write I have just come back from a couple of farms, and can confirm that next week we will have new potatoes in the box. I was also talking to one grower about other crops; the implication being that we are of sufficient purchasing power again (after shrinking in the recession) to work with growers to produce specific crops for us. We give them a commitment to buy, and it means they feel it is less risk to plant up as we offer some support. This is the main reason (other than freshness and quality) we support local only; to keep local growers going and it is great to be in the position of being able to do this. Thanks to you of course for buying into the scheme. This is a real positive, not some calculated benefit by a statistician. Thank you.

Speaking of support for local suppliers I see Tesco have record profits again. Whilst you cannot deny their ability, I do wonder if we are now

