



WEEK FIFTEEN

WHAT A WEEK!!!

Orange sky and hazardous air quality: we can't plan for events like these. The farm has been eerie quiet since Tuesday last week. Out of respect for our hard-working farm crew and their health, the farm remained operational for limited hours and the crew only worked on critical tasks to keep the crops alive. Nothing got picked for CSA, pre-orders or farmers markets. Tal and Inder took the time to do their small part and made a few rounds to Corvallis library donation center and Stone Soup Corvallis. Most of what we picked last week Monday went to the Stone Soup. On Sunday, with help from our Farmers' Market crew and family, we picked tomatoes and strawberries. Many thanks to Annaliese, Rose, Deanna, Leslie, and Avie for stepping in to help!

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- * Lacinato Kale
- * Red Bell Pepper
- * Shallots
- * Heirloom Tomatoes
- * Cilantro
- * Yellow Onion
- * Serrano Pepper
- * Strawberries

RECIPE

Tomato Soup

On Sunday we spent several hours picking tomatoes. With tomatoes on mind, it was natural to have a tomato rich dinner. Here is a soup we made at home and it came out delicious, paired with cheese sandwiches:

Ingredients:

- 8-10 heirloom or Roma tomatoes—diced
- 2 red bell peppers—diced
- 1 small yellow onion—diced
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 4 fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 2 tbs olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place diced tomatoes, bell pepper and onions on a baking sheet. Sprinkle with some olive oil and Italian seasoning. Bake at 400F for 20min.

In a saucepan heat up vegetable broth on medium heat and add basil leaves, about 2-3 min. Add baked tomatoes, bell peppers and onions. Add salt and pepper to taste. Mix everything in the saucepan and cook for another 5 min.

Make a puree of the mixture in a food processor (careful with this step).

Serve hot and enjoy!



This week's focus is still on keeping our crew safe. We are working reduced hours and the first priority is picking vegetables for CSA boxes. Taking it one day at a time and hoping for conditions to improve.

But, our problems are small. Many people just a few miles away from us have lost everything. Let's all focus on helping those in need as much as we can. And let's hope for some good rain in the coming days.

Until then, Stay Safe Stay Healthy, and Stay Indoors!

Ruby

PS: Inder's wife Rupinder is in labor and we are eagerly waiting for baby Nagra to arrive soon.