

# Gamble Creek Farm

At the Center for Integrated Agriculture

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## Welcome to a new season!

Hey Everyone,

After a hot and rainy summer we are working hard to get the season underway! Right now we have over a dozen different varieties planted in the greenhouse and more than 20 in the hydroponic stacks.

Maria, Loren, and I have been planting seeds and filling pots since August, and it is really starting to look green out in the field! We will be having a new addition to the farm staff in October. Our newest apprentice, Dustin, is anxious to enhance his knowledge of agriculture and will be a great addition to the farm, so we all look forward to welcoming him!

We're also looking forward to having some pick-your-own opportunities for members this year. We have planted several rows of great u-pick produce such as grape tomatoes, sugar snaps, and green beans. Those should be available starting in November and December, along with many other great crops. We will even be trying a couple new ones this year such as radicchio and poc choi. I hope you will enjoy!

Sincerely,  
Eric Geraldson  
Farm Manager



Squash and Cucumbers

photo by Logan Beal

## Tiny Green Thumbs Program

Tiny Green Thumbs is a Three Day Program designed for parent and child to learn where their food comes from and how it is grown.

**Day 1:** Tuesday, November 3-  
Preparing your field

**Day 2:** Tuesday, February 23-Tending  
your field

**Day 3:** Tuesday, April 20  
Harvest Day

9:30am-11:30am each day

COST: \$40 Members/\$50 Non-  
Members

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER:  
Email Linda @fwcrd.org or call  
723-3252

## U-Pick Strawberries !!

This season we are adding a new feature to the farm. In an effort to diversify income-generating opportunities and bring more community involvement to the farm, we will be opening up a small section of Pick-Your-Own Strawberries. This feature is open to all, so please let your friends and neighbors know! This new feature will be financially-independent from our CSA operation. However we would like to extend a discounted rate to CSA members in order to recognize your important contribution to our farm as loyal customers! We will be opening our strawberry pick-you-own later this month, so stay tuned for schedules and pricing.

Visit us online at [www.GambleCreekFarm.org](http://www.GambleCreekFarm.org)

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## Info & Ideas

### Tell A Friend

We currently have both half and full shares available for the 2009/2010 Gamble Creek Farm Season.

As we talk and email our new members we find that many of them were forwarded an email or a co-worker had mentioned the farm to them. Please share your experiences of visiting the farm where your food is grown, seeing it in the field and meeting the grower.

Thank you to everyone who has told a friend, family member or co-worker about Gamble Creek Farm. Thanks to Paula Sills for placing Gamble Creek Farm Flyers up and Mike Sosadeeter and members of the Parish Professionals for referring friends to the farm. We are sure this is just a few of the many who have told others about the farm. We apologize to anyone we missed.

If you can post a flyer around town email [linda@fwcrd.org](mailto:linda@fwcrd.org)



### Recipe Book

Already during our first season the farm staff had requests for a recipe book.

The Gamble Creek Farm will partner with its sister farm, Geraldson Community Farm, to create a healthy hometown recipe book.

Recipes will be submitted from

members and staff of both farms and of course the weekly newsletter.

We hope to have volunteers that will work with staff on obtaining and reviewing recipes. Be looking for more information on this committee in the coming months. We are going to need your help to make this happen! Let Linda know if you are interested.



### The Greenhouse



The Greenhouse at work Photo by Eric Geraldson



Swiss Chard Photo by Logan Beal

### Connect with the Farm

Stay in touch with what is happening at the farm by visiting [www.gamblecreekfarm.org](http://www.gamblecreekfarm.org) and become the farm's friend on Facebook.



### Newsletter Sponsor

Do you know a local business that might be interested in sponsoring the weekly newsletters for Geraldson Community Farm and Gamble Creek Farm? Approximately 300 copies are distributed via print and emails to members. If interested email [Linda@fwcrd.org](mailto:Linda@fwcrd.org).



### Event Calendar

- **October 21**-Workshare and Volunteer Orientation  
10:00am-11:00am
- **October 24 (11am-2pm) or October 28 (3pm-6pm)**–  
New Member Orientation
- **November 3**-Day 1-"Tiny Green Thumbs" Workshop  
9:30am-10:30am

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