

# Gamble Creek Farm

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*Eucalyptus tree, August 25th*

## **Eucalyptus at Gamble Creek**

You may notice something different at the far end of the field this season – eucalyptus trees! As part of our reclaimed water demonstration project, we have planted about 6 acres of eucalyptus trees in an effort to show the viability of this as an alternative enterprise crop and as an economically advantageous use of reclaimed water. Eucalyptus trees can be harvested every few years and used for mulch or energy production.

For now the local market is mulch, and eucalyptus is a much more sustainable option than pine or cypress. Eventually we hope to show the potential for an energy market for this crop, whether for cellulose ethanol production or as fuel chips for incineration. We feel that there are opportunities

ahead for this crop and we hope to implement a business plan and provide real financial data to potential growers for replication on their own property. For now the trees should add a little scenery and conversation for CSA pickup days!



A Member of **FEEDING AMERICA**

Now you can donate either a full or half share to the All Faiths Food Bank. What a great way to give back to the community!

The shares for the donations will be at a reduced rate of \$500 for a full share and \$275 for a half.

If you would like to donate, please call the office at 941-981-0111 and we will be happy to help.

### **Shares still Available!**

There are still full and half shares available at the farm so tell a friend. Throughout the last three seasons we have found that many of our new members come from you forwarding emails, sharing newsletters or just mentioning the farm in conversation, Thanks!

You can go to:

[www.gamblecreekfarm.org](http://www.gamblecreekfarm.org)

Or call us at the office 941-981-0111.



## **Four Seasons Together**

We would like to Thank the following Members for being with us through all of our seasons and signing up for our Fourth Season!

Jennifer Hancock  
Perrin Matheis  
John & Linda O'Connor  
Mac Stevenson

\*We admit ahead of time that we are human so if we have missed a referral we apologize and will make up for it in the next newsletter!



*Seedlings in the greenhouse, August 25th*

### **In This Share\***

This box will list the vegetables that are going to be in each share. You can also obtain this info by Tuesday each week at [www.gamblecreekfarm.org](http://www.gamblecreekfarm.org) Or you can friend us on Facebook.

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## Info & Ideas



Seedlings for the hydroponics, August 25th

### Seedlings Grow

Eric and Maria have been extremely busy planting seeds and plowing the organic field. Their hard work is noticeable!

In the greenhouse the seedlings are sprouting for both the hydroponics and the organic field! There's tomatoes, squash, herbs (cilantro, yum!) and so much more!

### Construction at Gamble Creek

There's so much activity at the farm these days gearing up for season and all the construction!

If you haven't been to the farm in the last couple of months you definitely notice the construction. Not only are there seedlings popping up but building as well!

There's a new tractor garage and a pump house. Soon the construction for The Center for Integrated Agriculture will start. All this construction is exciting and every week there might be something new to see and ask the farm staff about. Please be mindful that while Gamble Creek Farm is under construction some areas may not



Seedlings for the Organic field, August 25th

be safe for public access, so be sure to ask staff before looking around. Thank you for your patience during this new phase and we are excited to begin our fourth season by welcoming you to our farm.



### Local Food Buying Club

Membership is available in the monthly Local Food Buying Club. The Local Food Buying Club is a membership club that allows community members to purchase free-range meat, Gulf-caught seafood, eggs and other products directly from local Florida farmers.

Members place orders once a month and pick up the following week. Membership for Gamble Creek shareholders is only \$20/year!

For more information visit <http://www.fwcrd.org/projects/buyingclub.html>

or call the RC&D at 941-981-0111.



Tractor Shed under construction

### Buying Club Example Price List All Local Food

Farm Fresh Brown Eggs - \$3/Dz  
Pasture Raised Chickens - \$3.29/lb  
Honey (Saw Palmetto, Orange Blossom) - \$8/pint or \$14/quart  
Various Soaps - \$4/bar  
Muffins - \$1.75  
Cookies - from \$1.25  
Fudge - \$6/lb  
And lots more choices!



Pump House

### Event Calendar

**November 10th** - Beginning Farmer and Rancher Conference  
Scholarship Applications Due

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