

FARM PRODUCTION TIMELINE

JANUARY	Determine production goals for the upcoming season. Set number of CSA shares available. Inventory seed and prepare seed orders. Inventory pots, potting mix and secure greenhouse growing space. Plan bed feet.
FEBRUARY	Place seed order. Order potato seed. Order pots, potting mix, and other growing supplies. Start very long season crops (over 150 days) like artichokes. Transplant herbs. Begin finalizing production schedule. Advertise CSA shares available.
MARCH	Finalize production schedule. Plant seedlings of onions, brassicas, chard, and lettuces in greenhouse. Plan field work with farm crew. Advertise and secure CSA shareholders. Collect payment. Work with Sodexho to estimate need. Order compost for delivery.
APRIL	Plan irrigation & order supplies if necessary. Start seedlings of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, basil, flowers and other annual herbs. Work field and transplant early season crops when possible. Transplant seedlings if necessary. Set up irrigation.
MAY	Work field if dry. Plant potatoes, onions, other early season crops. Start squash and other cucurbit crops in greenhouse. Plant successions of cool weather crops if planned. Order harvest and packaging supplies. Set up harvest/processing area.
JUNE	Plant warm weather crops into the field. Harvest strawberries. Schedule irrigation and set up timers. Stake tomatoes and beans. Plant successions of lettuce and other quick maturing crops. Begin harvesting lettuces if planted early. Weed.
JULY	Schedule harvest for CSA or Sodexho. Maintain crops through the addition of compost or other inputs. Maintain irrigation equipment. Weed. Begin harvest for CSA shares. Scout for insects and disease. Start late season brassicas and other cool weather crops in greenhouse. Mow cover crop if applicable.
AUGUST	Transplant late season crops to the field. Harvest. Maintain crops. Adjust watering schedule if necessary. Keep accurate records. Orient and transition returning student labor. Continue with successions of quick maturing crops like lettuces.
SEPTEMBER	Prepare for early frost by covering tender crops. Continue to harvest. Order garlic, prepare beds, plant. Clean up perennial areas. Update records. Plan for late season/post CSA produce sales. Supply Sodexho with specialty crops/extras.
OCTOBER	Remove all crops from the field. Remove crop debris and plant fall cover crop. Secure storage for unsold squash, potatoes, onions, etc. Organize late season sales. Remove irrigation system from field and put away. Survey CSA shareholders.
NOVEMBER	Mulch overwintering crops if necessary. Inventory, clean, and store all equipment. Wash and prepare pots for next season. Repair or replace equipment as needed. Distribute stored crops and clean all areas. Collect on all invoices. Review CSA surveys.
DECEMBER	Seed perennial herbs and flowers in the greenhouse. Order or review seed catalogs. Review records for the following season.