

January 8, 2005

Hello, friends of Hawkins Family Farm,  
Ice and snow. Why not? It's January.

January is a good time to eat hearty food. Recently we've baked pork chops, sauteed green-beans-and-garlic, roasted chicken, fried potatoes, simmered smoked ham (with soup beans), and grilled steaks--good eating on and from Hawkins Family Farm. What a blessing to have a full freezer!

We've been inspired, in part, because, in an uncharacteristic move, Kathy brought home the January issue of Bon Appetit. To our delight, it featured two "hot" items which caught our attention: "organic chicken" and "pea tendrils." We can't wait to try the recipes. The "Organic Chicken with Moroccan Spices" may be on the menu next week (if we can find Moroccan spices!). The "Pea Tendrils with Crimini Mushrooms and Leeks" will have to wait until June, when our gardens offer their bounty. Are you ready to try the tendrils as well as the pods?

If so, then you should know that the Hawkins Family Farm information for 2005 is now ready on the website. You'll notice some significant changes this year. First, we are unbundling the shares so you can pick and choose the products you prefer. Our hesitation to do this in the past involved worry over not keeping things straight. We decided to give it a try and beg your patience if we get confused at times. Second, the shareholder application form is streamlined (it can be downloaded from the web site). Third, we are offering pork shares. (We also hope to make farm-fresh eggs available for purchase on a self-serve basis, probably beginning in June.)

For those who do not wish to buy shares, we have some products available for direct purchase. The order form can be downloaded from the web site as well. (Or, you can come to the farm right now and get frozen burger and chicken, while supplies last.)

So, if you have the opportunity, check it out at [www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com](http://www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com). Better yet, sign up for shares early for 2005 and get a discount. (One glitch: the PayPal subscription options--where you can sign up to have payments made automatically-- are not working; we hope to have them in good order soon. You can use PayPal to make a down payment or to enter any amount you desire by electronic deduction from your bank account or credit card--those buttons are working fine. Or you can send in your order form with a check.)

Ice and snow outside. Kitchen aromas inside. And dreams of Spring already taking shape. Not a bad way to spend a January afternoon.

Peace and plenty,

--Jeff

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