



## What's in the Box

Strawberries  
Onions  
Cucumbers  
Green Beans or Peas or both  
Broccoli

The strawberries are slowing down I think. There will probably only be one box this week. Cucumbers are coming on strong so we should have enough to give you to make the recipe that I've included along with some onions.

The green bean plants have beans on them but I'm not sure how many I'll get. Drew picked 3 beans today and was really excited. He handed them to me and said "look what I found mom!" like he found some treasure.

Unfortunately the sugar snap peas are a COLD weather plant and are not liking the sunny warm weather and are pooping out so we'll pick what we can and it will probably be the last of them.

We had the Iowa Fruit and Vegetable Growers field day at our house today and a lot of other growers from around the state that came were impressed with what we have growing. ☺ After they were done here we all went to the ISU hort station and learned a lot from the EXPERTS!

## Recipes

### Cucumber-Vinegar Salad

(this is Scott's favorite that he insists that I have in the frig at all times as long as we have cukes)

3 med cucumber  
¼ med onion, sliced thin  
½ cup white vinegar  
¼ cup water  
2-3 tsp sugar  
Pepper to taste  
½ tsp salt

Serves 4-6

Peel cucumbers ( or just make stripes...ask me how) and slice thin. Add sliced onion. Stir together vinegar, water, sugar, salt and pepper. Pour over slices. Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours 7-10 hours is better. This is wonderful to serve with hamburgers at a picnic.

## Eggs

Just a reminder that we are still getting eggs from the Dodds that you can buy but have a limited supply so if you want to be sure we have a half or whole dozen for you be sure to call or e-mail me to reserve it.

## What's going on at the farm.

We are all dried out now. I still think we need to get after the powers that be to get our drain properly fixed in the road so we don't have to call them every time we get a huge rain to come clear it out.

We now have some pumpkins planted out in our fields to the west and north of our house. Scott has 2 giant pumpkins that he hopes will be fun for the kids to look at. There is still some room for more planting.

Once the strawberries are done we need to mow and renovate them for next year so that maybe they won't be so weedy. Scott wanted to plant the new ones we put in this year in plastic mulch but it was too muddy. We saw some nice ones today over at ISU that were in plastic.

Our son Drew has made the Boone Minor Boys All-Star team which is very exciting. They won a tournament in Marshalltown this past weekend. They were undefeated. Their first official All-Star game will be at home on Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> against Iowa Falls if any of you are baseball fans.