



Farm Share News

Standard Box

Juice Carrots, 3 lb
Red Chard, 1 bu
Collard Greens, 1 bu
Rainbow Carrots, 1 bu
Nectarines, 3 lb
Corn, 2
Broccoli, 2 lb
Mixed Herbs, 1 bu
Apples, 1.5 lb
Green Onions, 1 bu
Cauliflower, 2 lb

Small Box

Juice Carrots, 3 lb
Green Kale, 1 bu
Rolled Oats, 2 lb
Nectarines, 3 lb
Purple Potatoes, 2 lb
Red Chard, 1 bu



The Old Mill has a New Place!

About six years ago, Farmer Nash was at the Blue Heron Bakery near Olympia, WA, chatting with the owner about milling wheat, something Nash wanted to start doing to create a value-added product from the wheat the farm was growing. The bakery owner mentioned he had an old mill he would like to sell, and Nash bought it.

While no one can find a make, model, brand or year of manufacture on the mill, we know it was built on the East Coast, because the original housing was Eastern White Maple. It was not in good condition, so Sam McCullough, Colten Bartlett and Dave Roberts took it on as a “winter project,” something they could do in the warm, dry shop. They disassembled the entire thing, and worked on cleaning up the parts, replacing some of them, and, with the help of Edensaw Lumber in Port Townsend, matched the wood piece by piece. They repaired water damage, sanded and varnished the wood, and then painstakingly reassembled it.

Nash took the Missouri Sandstone millstones to a grain conference in Mount Vernon, where Roger Jensen, an expert on calibrating millstones, looked them over and pronounced them fit to start milling without further work. The stones sit vertically in the housing. One is stationary, and the other turns. Wooden mills constantly flex, and the drum is not nailed, but clamped, so the miller can respond by tightening one clamp or loosening the opposing clamp. The moving stone can also be moved closer for a finer grind. This made for tedious work, and try as we might, we could never efficiently do really fine flour without burning some of the grain.

Consequently, when the Bell Street Bakery in Sequim closed, Nash purchased their modern metal mill and sifter. It is many times more efficient and does not need the constant calibration to mill fine flour. But the old mill has a new job—it is an excellent display background for our grains, flours, and corn meal.

Juice Carrots

Juice is a super way to get lots of nutrients into your body FAST. You are, in essence, separating the water portion of a fruit or veggie from the pulp portion, and just consuming the liquid, along with a concentration of the vitamins and minerals. There are those who promote vegetable juice as the main way people should get their nutrients, but then you are not eating the good fiber that veggies and fruit also provide. We recommend juicing as an addition to your healthy diet, and to give you a real boost of energy when you need one.

If you don't have a juicer, you can run fruits and veggies through a food processor, than strain the resulting slurry through a mesh strainer. A little more work, perhaps, but then again, juicers can be expensive and they take up room on your kitchen counter. On the other hand, Farmer Nash wouldn't dream of **not** having a juicer, especially as the weather changes from summer to fall and into winter, and he needs that additional vitamin boost as he works outside.

Carrots are a terrific base ingredient for any juice, but if you are diabetic, be careful adding items like apples, beets and carrots to your juice. Yes, they make the juice more palatable, but they have a high sugar content. You can juice almost any vegetable, including cabbage, kale, collards, parsley, turnips, kohlrabi, etc. Most people find the rich earthy flavor of those veggies too much to drink, but if you want to try them, you can cut the earthiness by adding half a lemon.

One important tip: Drink your juice FRESH. It starts to oxidize almost immediately and lose precious vitamins and minerals. Try to drink it within 10 minutes of preparation for maximum nutrition.

Carrot-Apple-Ginger Juice

Besides being delicious, this juice is also incredibly healthy with vitamins A, K and beta carotene from the carrots, vitamin C and polyphenols from the apples, and anti-inflammatory benefits from the ginger. Carrots are also high in B complex vitamins like folate and many minerals including calcium, copper, magnesium, potas-

sium, phosphorus, and iron. Juice together 3 carrots, one medium apple and about 1 inch of peeled ginger. Enjoy!



Purple Potatoes

Purple potatoes are an invaluable staple in South American kitchens. Native to the Lake Titicaca region of Peru and Bolivia, they are among thousands of varieties that have been cultivated for nearly 8,000 years in the Andes. Their diversity, resistance to disease, and ability to withstand harsh conditions has enabled them to evolve into a 21st century food crop.

The purple potato can be utilized in any cuisine that would otherwise use potatoes. Purple potatoes can be roasted, braised, boiled, baked, and fried for chips. They pair well with savory herbs, garlic, pork, poultry, artichokes, both rich and mild cheese, other starchy vegetables such as corn and shelled beans and, of course, salad greens.



Purple Potato Gratin

1 1/2 cups milk
1 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. flour
2/3 cup grated cheddar cheese
2 lbs. purple potatoes, unpeeled and sliced thinly
1 cup sliced shallots
1 Tbsp. olive oil
4 slices bacon
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Salt/pepper to taste

To make the gratin sauce, place the butter into a small pan and melt. Add flour and stir to combine, cooking over medium heat for about 1 minute. Whisk in the milk and stir until thickened. Stir in cheese; when melted remove from heat. Salt and pepper to taste.

Sauté the shallots in the olive oil until slightly brown and caramelized. Remove from the pan. Add bacon and cook until cooked through but not crispy (it will get crispy later). Cut bacon into 1 inch pieces.

Grease a shallow baking dish. Add half of the sliced potatoes to the dish. Sprinkle the shallots over the potato layer. Add the remaining potato slices to the dish. Pour the gratin sauce over the top of the potatoes, spooning into any visible cracks and crevices. Top with parmesan cheese. Add the bacon over the top. Place into a pre-heated 350 degree oven for 40 minutes.