



Quarry Farm Veggie Box Newsletter #4 July 5

This week's box: Chard, Cilantro/Basil, Green Onions, Italian Spinach, Kale, Lettuce, Peas, Potatoes, Radishes, Zucchini

This is the first week for potatoes. There's always something special about the first harvest of a crop, and if you like potatoes, you probably love new potatoes. They are so tender it's better to steam them, and it's always a good night to put the butter on the table. These are Warba, a good early potato with a very light skin.

This week please meet Ronaldo Barreto from Brazil. Ronaldo arrived in March and quickly became an integral part of the Quarry team. Ronaldo has always been interested in agriculture, but his other main experience was with a passion fruit orchard in Brazil. He came to Quarry prepared to learn, and as he says, the best way to learn about farming is to work along side other farmers. You may have forgotten March weather by now, but it was so

wet that the only way to construct the garden beds was to dig them by hand. Ronaldo dug in along with the others and over the course of the month, the current garden emerged from the field. He has also been instrumental in installing the irrigation from digging the trenches to laying down the pipe and attaching the connection. Now Ronaldo weeds and plants and harvests and also takes care of the poultry.

The farm team meets every morning to discuss the work, make a list for the day and divide up the tasks. While everyone does a bit of everything, Wiet concentrates on the planting schedule, seeding and transplanting. Daria is the trouble shooter. When things go sideways with the irrigation or the composting she enlists Ronaldo to work with her to keep the systems up and running. Ronaldo plans to stay until the end of the season and hopes to come back next year.

Next week - Julia

