INCLUDED THIS WEEK:

- Peaches
  A&A Orchards (Green Forest, AR)
- Blackberries
  McGarrah Farms (Pea Ridge, AR)
- Lettuce
  Ozark All Seasons (Winslow, AR)
- Heirloom Tomato
  Dutch Country Family Farm (Rich Hill, MO)
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  Dutch Country Family Farm (Rich Hill, MO)
- Cucumber
  Dutch Country Family Farm (Rich Hill, MO)
- Bell Pepper
  Dutch Country Family Farm (Rich Hill, MO)
- Yellow Squash
  Dutch Country Family Farm (Rich Hill, MO)
- Rosemary or Sage
  Heifer Ranch (Perryville, AR)
A&A Orchard (Green Forest, AR) - John & Elizabeth Aselage

Rather than a fencepost to fencepost farming operation, well over half of A&A’s acreage is covered in forest, meadow, & border habitat – preservation & for pollinators, birds, & other wildlife. Master naturalists both, John & his wife Elizabeth’s greatest priority is farm conservation & biodiversity, resulting in a unique orchard management system. For decades, A&A has relied on native bees rather than honey bees for pollination, requiring an abundance of multi-season blooms as well as adherence to non-toxics. The Ozarks’ dramatic weather fluctuations, extremely humid climate, & multiple insect generations make for a particularly challenging setting to grow fruit & also protect pollinators. Not overly troubled by “ugly” fruit, most customers agree, John has designed an extremely soft prevention program, specific to A&A, so that the orchard can continue while helping wildlife thrive. Ecological undertakings at the orchard are the aim from here on for A&A.