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*It sure feels like winter! And we're happy for it. Even though the packing shed is abuzz with all sorts of vegetable washing activities and we're busy in the office, shop or elsewhere, this time of year certainly is a lot less stressful. We've harvested all that there is to harvest for the year and now we simply wash pack and deliver until it's all gone!*

*I'm really excited about this box - and hope that you enjoy these wonderful veggies as much as all of us have been these last few weeks. From our Driftless family to all of yours:*

*Happy Holidays!*

**T**hese last few weeks I've been feeling quite reflective, as I guess I always am this time of year. I look back at the season gone past and feel a mixture of relief that the season is over, pride that we succeeded in such a challenging year

and gratitude that we had so many people like you supporting us along the way. What a year!

What started out being the earliest season on record (we planted carrots on March 23rd?!), turned into a very wet spring. *Just what we needed*, we thought - *another wet year...* but oh no, the rain quickly became a sweet and very distant memory as days without moisture turned into weeks which turned into months. Yep, 2012 will go down as the driest year on record, and we were lucky - I think we received some relief after a mere 103 days (or so) without rain, whereas some farmers still haven't seen precipitation...

I'm happy to say that we persevered through the drought - and with the help of a newly installed well and some blood, sweat and tears, we managed to eek out some of the nicest crops we've ever seen! Remember those tomatoes?!

Holy Tomatoes! What a wonderful crop. And those peppers too! The summer of 2012 certainly was glorious.

And now, because of our diligence, our crews' dedicated hard work and all of your support, we have a huge amount of veggies in storage to wash and pack and keep us busy throughout these slower winter months.

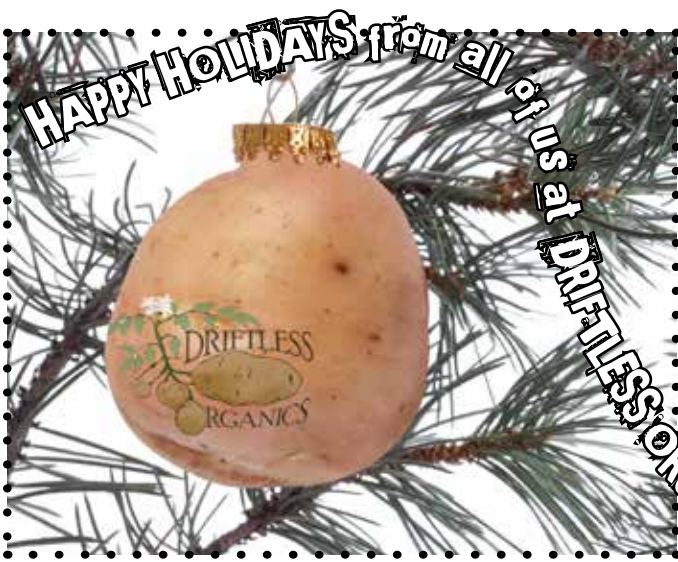
**this week's box!**

- Acorn Squash
- Beauty Heart Radish
- Carrots
- Celeriac
- Garlic
- Parsnips
- Potato Roaster Medley
- Red Beets
- Rosemary
- Rutabaga
- Scarlet Turnips
- Shallots
- Sweet Dumpling Squash
- Sweet Potatoes
- Yellow Onions
- Yellow Potatoes

Looking ahead - we've got some high hopes for 2013 and we hope you will join us for the ride. We hope to grow more of the same wonderful produce and keep on improving what we're doing. I can't say that we are necessarily going to try too many new things - although we did just build a season-extending greenhouse and hope to put it to good use growing something like early tomatoes or whatnot to give our CSA members an early July surprise. (You'll just have to sign up to see what we decide to grow in that greenhouse.)

Well, I know I've said it a bunch - but I'll say it again: THANKS so much from all of us here at Driftless. Have a GREAT holiday season. We hope to see you in 2013!

--Mike



**DON'T FORGET:**

2013 CSA Sign up starts soon! Take advantage of our Early Bird Discount and sign up before March 1st. We'll be sending out an email to y'all once signup is open!