

KARABIN FARMS



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- PYO began August 30th
- Do you know where your food comes from?
- Zestar shows huge potential
- Four calves born last month
- Ladies Night at the Farm

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*As we write this newsletter to our 1,100 plus families on a rainy Saturday night, we look forward to all of you joining us on a sunny scenic ride to our orchard this fall. Yes, we're home working the farm while little sister Tessa and her husband John are on their way home from a honeymoon in Bali. Little brother Lucas is on his way to Shanghai, China to represent the family business in a medical trade show. We wouldn't have it any other way.*



***"LOCAL" IS THE ONLY WAY—DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR FOOD COMES FROM? WE DO!***

Karabin Farms offers only local produce and have done so for years. All of our apples are grown right here by Dad. He follows a very strict integrated pest management program (very little, but timely spraying). All veggies if not grown here on the farm are grown by local farmers in Southington and Farmington. The only exception is winter squash grown by a cousin in Massachusetts. Please note sister Stormie's experimental greenhouse tomatoes we hope to harvest in late October.



**NO DOGS ALLOWED FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR ANIMALS**

## PYO Schedule



Hundreds of families have come to rely on picking their own apples and pumpkins at our scenic orchard and garden. We started the PYO season on August 30th and set a new record for apples harvested. Below is our estimated schedule, but please call or email to confirm.

September 6 .....Honeycrisp, Gala & Mac's  
 September 13 .....Cortland and Jonathan  
 September 20 .....Macoun and Empire  
 October 4 .....Red Delicious and Northern Spy  
 October 11 .....Cameo & Mutsu

PYO—A new record set on August 30th

ZESTAR—The early season apple related to the Honeycrisp

Karabin Farms Maple Syrup shipped worldwide

The Tractor Driver's view (below) heading up to the orchard

## Zestar shows huge potential

Our newest apple, Zestar, is related to Honeycrisp. This early season apple is a big red delightful fruit that tastes similar to Honeycrisp, but is ready in late August. It is less prone to drop prematurely. We think this is a winner!



## Maple Syrup News

As described in our earlier newsletter, the maple syrup production was outstanding. What we didn't expect is how far it would travel. In the past month, Karabin Farms syrup has been shipped to families in Florida and to military officials stationed in Afghanistan.

## Cattle News

Mom's Highland cattle have given birth to four calves in the last month with more on the way! A daughter to the 2007 National Grand Champion Karabin Farms Tuffy recently won the Grand Champion Female spot at the New York State Fair. Breeding stock is always for sale. Mom has to sell some of the young girls, the one year olds.



## Country Store

Mom continues to add new and exciting foods to her offering. The apple dumplings (with a whole apple in each) have sold out every weekend. The addition of mild and hot tart sweet cherry and pineapple salsa's have been a hit. A new line of home-made Pennsylvania Dutch noodle and pasta has been added. A new line of Karabin Farms U.S. Made



pottery featuring Jellybean will arrive soon.



*Future Tractor Driver Jackson Karabin practices transporting livestock with his GATOR*

## Local Honey

As you know, honey is recommended for people with allergies. Ours is made by beekeeper Jim Gray. Jim provides the bee's for pollination in our orchard. Now that's about as local as you can get! We've mentioned before, that much of the "grocery store" honey actually is a product of China.

## Ladies Night at the Farm

Mom and us girls are planning a Ladies Night at the Farm in November. This will be on a limited sign-up basis. Please watch for more information, especially in our Karabin Farms Fan Club email program (see below)



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**Produce you can trust your kids with...WE DO!!**

### FAN CLUB

*This program of email news sent usually on Thursdays during the growing season. This is the best way to stay on top of all the events at the farm. Every email registrant receives a Karabin Farms Fan Club card which now allows a 5% discount on all store items with the exception of prepared food (donuts, pies, cookies, popcorn, or other Snack Shack products.) If you wish to participate, please sign up at the store or send us your name, mailing address and email address to [farmingct@cox.net](mailto:farmingct@cox.net)*