



# NEWSLETTER

## May showers bring...?

*May and June are typically the wettest months*

### Reminder to those who pick up at the Merc:

The Merc is closed on Memorial Day, so Rolling Prairie pickup will move to Tuesday next week, June 1. Since that is the first pickup of the month, your payment for May will be due. Cash or checks, please.



Just as the fields are starting to dry enough to walk in without sinking ankle deep in mud, it looks like we might be in for more rain this week.

Like Bob Lominska says, it is usually easier to add water to the field than to take it away, but we have enough fields that are drained well enough to continue to grow. The

warmer temperatures and breezes help too. Some crops (notably, asparagus) have slowed down but new ones are coming on.

In late May we typically have asparagus, bok choy, chard, garlic, green garlic, green onions, herbs, lettuce, mushrooms, rhubarb, snap peas, salad mix, spinach, strawberries.

### Dirt! The Movie

"Dirt! The Movie," a 2009 film by Bill Benenson and Gene Rosow, was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival and has been featured on the PBS series, "Independent Lens." Narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis, the film demonstrates the value of soil and threats to its wellbeing. The film's many luminaries include Kansas Wes Jackson.

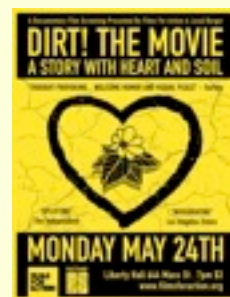
What: Films For Action & Local Burger present: "Dirt! The Movie" followed by a panel discussion

Film: 7-8:20 p.m., Monday May 24th

Panel Discussion: 8:20-9:20pm

Where: Liberty Hall, 644 Massachusetts St., Lawrence

Panel includes prominent soil/climate scientist Charles W. Rice; Rolling Prairie farmer and activist Paul Johnson; farmer and activist Barbara Clark; ethnobotanist and KU professor Dr. Kelly Kindscher.



## ROLLING PRAIRIE FARMERS ALLIANCE GROWING STANDARDS (PART TWO)

We plant no Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO; also called transgenic crops). We grow fresh, tasty, clean vegetables and fruits within 60 miles of where it will be eaten. Fresh, well grown, local produce is always nutritionally superior to produce trucked or flown in from California, Mexico, Chile, China, or elsewhere, whether it is

organic or conventional.



There are many highly complex technical questions which cannot be answered in a brief newsletter. We urge you to talk with your site coordinator or site farmers if you want more specific information.