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Seasonal newsletter of gratitude
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Farm Workers

- The new farm sign was designed and painted by Danae Howell, one of our work trade apprentices. If you would like to commission her to paint a sign...give her a call (808-721-4897) or leave a note
- Thank you to Erin and Natalie, sisters from Austin, Texas for their dedication over the past few months. We wish them well as they move on to a Biodynamic Farm on the Big Island. Patrick has commented that this crew of three young ladies has been , "one of the best!"

- I asked them what were their three favorite activities...they responded:
 - 1) Hitching to Pā'ia
 - 2) Driving to Hāna
 - 3) Fire dancing in Makena

By the way...**My bother Bill will be visiting in January and will speak about his latest book. If you'd like to be invited to the gathering...let me know. Or visit....<http://www.williamelliott.com/ReviewPage.html>**

Thank you

We've had another good year growing food for our dedicated farm family. Thank you for your continued support of biodynamic farming. We appreciate that you show up every week, bring your own basket, and give compliments to the farmer.

We continually try to improve the farm making sure the nutrients will be here for years to come.

Mother Nature

Did you ever wonder why we have a certain crop one week and not the next? Ever wonder why we grow so much chard and not any strawberries? It is because Mother Nature makes the decision. Weather is the



Elizabeth, Patrick's wonderful wife pictured here with garden bouquet

Farm News...by the numbers....

- 1,768 pounds of salad mix were made in 2006**
- 2,516 pounds of tomatoes were harvested during 2006**

Sperm across the ocean

What comes in a container that has the potential to make a jersey cow? Yes, sperm from Texas. It is due to arrive here in early December. With luck, that means that Daisy will be with calf sometime in 2007. The goal is to breed a Jersey calf that will eventually become a milking cow. Pat has been searching high and low for the

perfect Jersey semen. He has invested time and commitment to ensure just the health and well being of Daisy.

Did you notice the sound of 55 new chicks around the farm? Yes, Pat also decided to start a new family of chicks. He has been known to wake up in the middle of the night to refresh their drinking water.

In a continual effort to communicate important messages to all our customers, there will soon be a website for Pat's Haiku Biodynamic Farm. The plans are in the process and look for the URL coming in early 2007.

If you know of someone that is interested in work-trade on a biodynamic farm, they can get details at www.biodynamics.com



What a terrific box of tomatoes we have been receiving. Next batch....60-90 days. Early spring.