

# The Nibbler



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CSA members are like stray cats. You start giving them food and they keep coming back.

You might be seeing mini cucumbers in your bags. These are the pickling varieties. They don't have to be made into pickles. They make excellent sweet cucumbers for a salad. They are the perfect size to cut for a lunch or a picnic. We also have a white variety that I think are so tender and sweet.



The berry gods have smiled on us this year. We have a limited berry patch and are excited to have enough to share a little with everyone this week. We grow vine melons that will be coming on in a few weeks also.



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If you don't know your farmer,  
you're not in a CSA.



Meet the Prochkos

**A little History:** The Prochkos have been farming on the Netcher Road farm in Jefferson Township for 78 years. In farming terms that meets the criteria for sustainability. There have been four generations working the farm since 1936.

Mick grew up on the farm and learned the business from his father Michael Sr., who purchased the farm. His grandparents moved to the farm later and helped in the daily operations. He and his father developed the Prochko Dairy into one of the top dairy operations in the county.

Mick and Kay were married in 1975. They had two sons Steve and Mark. Steve decided early on he wanted to be a farmer and Mark has become an engineer.

In 2002 when Steve graduated from Delaware Valley College, Pa., he took the farm in the direction of fresh market produce. They took the current name from the newly built covered bridge on their road and started selling directly to customers at farmers markets in the area. In 2004 they started offering CSA shares. And as they say the rest is history.

**Currently:** The family farms nearly 200 acres of which about 20 are for fresh market. They also grow commodities of corn and soy beans.

Steve (on left with Amy) and Mark (on right with Yuan) are both married now. Steve is taking over the everyday operation of the farm giving Mick and Kay time to spend their winters in Camp Verde, Arizona. Next February Mark and Yuan are having the first grandchild. Maybe another farmer is on the way.

**Maybe you didn't know:**

- We are all huge Big Bang Theory fans. We have the various years on cds and bobble heads of course.
- Steve creatively paints remote control vehicle bodies and races in the winter months.
- Mick and Kay grow pecans in Arizona.
- Kay was a Special Education teacher for 35 years.
- Mick attended the Ohio State and is a Vietnam veteran.
- Steve met his wife Amy when she came to work on the farm. She is now a Kent graduate and an HR assistant. She loves the farm and helps when needed.

