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Visiting Field Days At Our Growers
Max with his long keeper melon experiment cross, Renee eating and looking at melons

August is when we normally make a round of visits to the seed growers and independent breeders who supply seed to us. Last week, we visited Max Contin, who breeds specialty melons. At his Gilroy, California melon farm, we went through acres of new melon crosses, tasting and commenting on which ones we liked and thought our customers would be interested in. Max is glad of the feedback on his work and these visits help Renee and Lindsay decide what we might want to evaluate in our own trial garden, as potential new introductions.

Scallions the size of leeks, Renee looking at the enormous green onions, Sampling watermelon radishes

Next, we visited the field day of our favorite Asian vegetable supplier whose variety trials are in Salinas, California. We get quite a range of seed varieties from them, including, Tatsoi, Asian salad mix, mild mustards, watermelon radishes, baby turnips and Kabocha squash, etc. Renee was really taken with their new giant scallions, which are as big as leeks and we also enjoyed sampling even more watermelon radishes. We also saw some brand-new baby turnips, sweeter than anything we’ve seen in the past which we will be trialing next season.
Recipe Of The Month
Roasted Garlic Dressing

This dressing is delicious with freshly sliced cucumbers, or any green salad. Roasting garlic gives it a wonderfully mellow, sweet mild flavor.

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Warm Wishes, Renee Shepherd