

CSA Winter 2015 Enrollment

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The Winter CSA will begin on Saturday, December 5 and end on Saturday, February 20. The season provides ten weeks of produce shares and will not have pick-ups on December 26 and January 2 in observance of Christmas and New Year's. The cost for a winter CSA share is \$400. The payment schedule is as follows:

\$100 deposit due at the time of sign-up

\$100 due October 5

\$100 due November 5

\$100 due December 4

I have read and understand the attached *Frequently Asked Questions* sheet

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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding a CSA

What is a CSA?

CSA stands for *Community Supported Agriculture*. It is a program designed to create a partnership between the local farmer and the consumer. The consumer (or shareholder) purchases a share during the farm's off season and the farmer in exchange provides produce during the growing season.

What is a Berry Patch Farms CSA?

Berry Patch Farms is a certified, organic farm. The produce you receive each week is picked at its peak freshness; often times it has just come from the field that morning. It is thoroughly washed and packaged the day you are scheduled to pick it up. Because the produce is organically grown without pesticides, growth hormones or antibiotics, GMOs, or other harmful chemicals it may not be as "perfect", as blemish-free, or as large as those available in the grocery store. It is, however, wholesome, fresh, delicious, and nutrient-packed. At Berry Patch Farms we strive to provide not only the healthiest and best tasting produce, we also endeavor to provide exceptional customer service. At the start of the CSA, you will be provided an email address, as well as a cell phone number for the Farm's CSA coordinator, Cindi Flannery. In addition to having a CSA contact person, you will also receive weekly email updates from the farmers themselves, Tim and Claudia Ferrell.

What types of produce can I expect to see in my CSA share?

The produce can and does vary depending upon what type of growing season the farm is experiencing. Some things you may see in your share are: kale, chard, spinach, lettuce, carrots, kohlrabi, beets, variety of peppers, tomatoes, onions, garlic, beans, potatoes, scallions, variety of both summer and winter squash, cucumbers, cabbage, peas, garlic scapes, eggplant, celeriac, parsnips, and rutabaga. In addition to the vegetables, we hope to provide a dozen eggs every other week and a fruit each week.

Are there any risks involved with a CSA participation?

As with most things in life, there are some inherent risks. Each shareholder assumes the same risks as the farmer (drought, crop failure, bug infestation, bad weather events such as hail, etc). The described incidents can lead to low farm yields which can have a negative impact on the CSA shares. Even though many farms have experienced some very trying times the last couple of years, we are very grateful that we have always been able to provide our CSA shareholders with an ample amount of produce.

Does the farm provide a money back guarantee if the crops should fail?

The farm does not provide a money back guarantee. We will strive at all times to see that our CSA shareholders receive a fair amount of produce for their investments; however, buying into a CSA means you are buying into the potential risks.

Do all CSA shareholders receive the same exact items in their share?

Participation in a CSA ensures you will always receive the same dollar value as other CSA members, but it does not guarantee the items you receive will be identical to what other members have received. Substitutions are sometimes necessary. It is all dependent upon what is available, based on weather conditions and seasonality.

Do I get to choose what type of produce I receive each week?

The produce provided is up to the farmer's discretion. Farmer Claudia will choose the best of what is currently available for your share each week.

What are the benefits to a CSA participation?

Participation in a CSA is more than just receiving produce each week; and it is a venture that may not be for everyone. It is about providing sustainability to local farms and being part of a community that cares about where its food is grown. It is about living healthy, learning to eat seasonally, and eating wholesome, tasty, chemical free food. It is about being adventurous and creative with your cooking. It is about having fun and being afforded the opportunity to meet the farmers that produce your food. Finally, by supporting local farms, you are reducing your carbon footprint because the produce is not being trucked across the United States or being flown in from another country.

If you need additional information, please feel free to email us at berrypatchcsa@gmail.com