

What is CSA?

CSA stands for **Community Supported Agriculture**, and represents a partnership between the farmer and consumer.

What is a CSA share?

A CSA share is an annual agreement whereby members can support their local farmer by purchasing "shares" of the coming season's harvest. The member gets fresh, local food and as your farmers we agree to do everything we can to supply members with a season's worth of the best food possible.

How does the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) membership work?

Members pay a membership fee at the beginning of the season to cover the costs of operating the farm. In turn, they get a share of the harvest every week.

How much does CSA membership cost?

The share price for the 2010 season is \$500 dollars. You may also purchase a half-share for \$300 dollars. You have the option of paying the entire amount up front, or sending a \$250.00 down payment(full-share)/ \$150 down payment(half-share) with the balance due June 1st.

Who can join?

Membership is open to anyone in the area.
Atlanta Area includes: Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, North Fulton, and Gwinnett Counties.

How big are the shares; how many people can a share feed?

The deliveries are generally packed in a 3/4 bushel box. Occasionally we may send a 1 1/9 bushel box when we have larger items, like cabbage, melons, etc.. A full share can help feed up to a family of four for a week. A half-share will be half the quantity of a full share and will generally help feed two people for a week. Therefore, a large family may want to consider purchasing more than one share.

We will try to include 5-10 items in each box. Remember being a member of a CSA means seasonal eating, therefore tomatoes won't be available until July, for example. Leafy greens grow better in spring and fall than in mid-summer, and melons aren't available until mid-to-late summer. We try to balance variety and quantity, and welcome your feedback every week.

When and where can I pick up my produce?

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In 2010, the delivery days for CSA shares will be Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday. Delivery times and locations will be determined as the season nears.

If 10 or more shares are ordered at a particular location (workplace, school, town or neighborhood) within the surrounding area, delivery will be provided for that location.

If you can't make a pickup time, you should try to have someone pick up your share for you.

If you miss your pick-up and haven't made prior arrangements with us or a secondary person, your share will be donated to a local food pantry. We will not re-sell a share that you already paid for.

When is the first pick-up?

First pick-up will be the week of May 18 and the season will run thru October 28.

How does Deal Farms communicate with CSA members?

The most efficient way to communicate with members is through e-mail. Please make sure that you always have a valid e-mail address, and you have set any spam filter to accept

dealfarms@dnet.net as an approved sender. At times, we also have to communicate by phone, so please ensure that we have your current phone number(s). If you call us and receive the voice mail prompt, please make sure to leave a message with your contact information and best time to call, so we can return your call promptly!

What if we're on vacation?

You can offer your share to a friend who can pick up the food and enjoy it in your absence. You may also notify us that you wish to donate your shares, and for the weeks you are gone we will bring the share to the local food pantry.

Can I split a share?

Yes. Buy a full share and arrange to split it with another person or family. You are responsible for splitting the box of produce with the other person.

Are memberships/shares transferable?

Yes, you may transfer your shares to another person.

What happens when there is a crop failure or bad weather? How does this affect my share?

When extreme weather is happening, crops are most likely affected. Your share may look a little scarce until the farms have a chance to recover, and crops come back to life. When you join CSA, you're taking a risk along with the farmers. You will also share in the bounty when the farmers are doing well. We may from time to time in the event of a crop failure supplement an item from a neighboring farm who we know and trust until our crops are back to normal.

What are my responsibilities as a CSA member?

When you sign up for a membership with the CSA program, you are responsible for picking up your share on the scheduled delivery day, and within the pickup time. We will attempt to make it as convenient as possible to pick up your share.

What happens if I forget to pick up my share?

Because it is your responsibility as a CSA share member to pick up your share within the set time frame, please keep in mind that we are under no obligation to hold your share past the scheduled delivery/pick up time. We retain the right to donate any shares that haven't been picked up to a local food pantry or shelter. We cannot switch delivery dates, send replacement shares, or issue credits/refunds for missed pickups.

How do I sign up?

If we have answered all of your questions, and our CSA sounds right for you, then we look forward to having you as a member! Simply fill out the registration form attach your payment and send it in. Then sit back and get ready to enjoy fresh vegetables all summer long!