



What is a CSA?

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, a system in which the customer helps share in the risk and reward with the farmer. CSA's traditionally have the upfront cost to help support the beginning of the season costs associated with farming such as purchasing seed or maintaining equipment. This system is also designed to help both the customer and farmer share in the risk and reward. For the Bell's Farm CSA this means that sometimes a crop will fail due to pests or weather and the customer accepts that risk. For example if broccoli is promised but the wind knocks down all the plants and you end up with half the amount of broccoli you expected. However this also means the customer shares in the bounty. If we have an unexpected abundance this may mean that the customer receives more than they expected in additional choices, products, and u-pick opportunities. Share Holders also will receive a voucher for free parking at our Strawberry Daze Festival as well as one pint of free u-pick strawberries during our season. This system creates a partnership in which the farmer and customer take on the responsibility of growing food that is sustainable, nutritious, and of the highest quality.

What is a share?

A full share will provide a family of four who consumes a moderate amount of produce, or a couple who consume a large amount of produce, enough produce for 1 week. Share items depend on season and availability.

Share Size	Estimated volume	Start dates and duration	Price
Full Share	Roughly a full paper grocery sack of produce once per week	About the first week of June for about 20 weeks	\$625
Half share	Roughly a half full paper grocery sack of produce once per week.	About the first week of June for roughly 20 weeks	\$350
Month-by-month	Roughly a full paper grocery sack of produce once did per week	First pick up day of the month following payment for four weeks	\$125 per month



Share Pick up

CSA members have the option of two pick up locations and days. Shares can be picked up on Wednesdays from 4pm-7pm at our farm stand or on Thursdays from 4pm-7pm in Oak Harbor (location TBD - item swap is unavailable for Oak Harbor pick up) . Shares will be labeled with the share holders name. If you plan to be out of town and will not be picking up your share or having someone pick up your share for you, you must give us at least 24 hours notice (no refunds will be given for opting out of a pick up date.) If you fail to pick up your share it may be donated to one of the local food banks unless prior arrangements have been made.

On share pick up dates and during u-pick opportunities we encourage share holders to ask questions about our farm and practices as well as pet the animals that are near our stand but we ask that members don't wander past the end of the sheep pasture without an employee as we are a working farm and are frequently moving large equipment that can be dangerous to pedestrians.

Payments

For full and half shares payments must be made by May 1st, 2020, If paid by March 1st, \$50 will be taken off the total price. For monthly shares payments must be received 7 days prior to the first share of the month.

Farm Communication

If there is a change in pick up or any other important information we will communicate that via email. If a share holder has any concerns, inquiries, or wish to notify the farmer about skipping a pick up please call the farm directly at 360-678-4808. Any email communications will be addressed within 48 hours.

What are we growing?

Vegetables, like all other plants, have a season. This seasonality of growing means that not all produce will be available at once, the temperature and weather have the two greatest effects on the growing season. Here we try and give you a rough idea of the types of vegetables we grow and when we can reasonably expect them to be available. Offerings may go beyond this list, we are constantly trying new and exciting varieties that may appear in your share box. We strive to offer variety but members should not expect every product listed each week.



Late Spring	Early Summer	Late Summer	Early Fall	Late Fall
-Salad greens -Radishes -Beets -Carrots -Arugula -Kale -Broccoli -Cauliflower -Peas -Kohlrabi	-Salad mixes -Radishes -Beets -Carrots -Arugula -Kale -Broccoli -Cauliflower -Peas -Beans -Spinach -Turnips -Collard greens -Swiss Chard -Summer squash -Lettuce -New potatoes -Kohlrabi -Green onions	-Salad mixes -Radishes -Beets -Carrots -Arugula -Kale -Broccoli -Cauliflower -Peas -Beans -Turnips -Collard greens -Swiss Chard -Summer squash -Lettuce -Potatoes -Cucumbers -peppers -Tomatoes -Eggplants -Onions -Garlic -Kohlrabi	-Salad mixes -Radishes -Beets -Carrots -Arugula -Kale -Broccoli -Cauliflower -Peas -Beans -Turnips -Collard greens -Swiss Chard -Summer squash -Lettuce -Potatoes -Cucumbers -Tomatoes -Winter squash -Pumpkins -Onions -Garlic -Sweet corn -Cabbage	-Salad mixes -Radishes -Beets -Carrots -Arugula -Kale -Broccoli -Cauliflower -Turnips -Collard greens -Swiss Chard -Potatoes -Winter squash -Pumpkins -Onions -Garlic -Leeks -Brussels Sprouts -Sweet corn -Cabbage -Kohlrabi

Add On Packages: Monthly Fee

Fruit Package: We partner with other local Island and Washington fruit growers to provide fruits such as blueberries, nectarines, peaches, cherries, and more in addition to our own heirloom apple trees and our sweet June-bearing strawberries (limited growing season), we offer a fruit package for an additional \$20 a month.



CSA Member Agreement

- I understand that payment is due by the dates provided and that I may be eligible for a refund if I move off of Whidbey Island or if I experience personal or financial hardships. Refunds will be prorated based on season length. I understand that refunds will impose a hardship on my farmer who has already incurred time and expenses on my behalf.
- I understand that my membership indicates agreement with some shared risk. If, due to weather, insects, or other event beyond the farm's control, total share volume will be reduced by half or more over the remainder of the season, partial refunds may be given. If share volume is reduced by less than half I agree to share in the loss.
- I understand that if the season is especially abundant, I may be given the opportunity to choose certain excess products myself as well as participate in u-pick activities. I know that this offering will be made on specific dates and times, as announced by the farm via email, and that accommodations for specific schedules cannot be made.
- I understand that I must pick up my CSA share from the specified location during pick up hours, and that if I do not do so, my share may be donated to a local food pantry.
- I understand that important communications from the farm will be delivered via email and that opening these emails is my responsibility.

Signature: _____ Date: _____