

Diggin' Roots Farm Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Questions and Answers

What is CSA?

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a commitment that deepens the connection between eaters, producers, and the land. Membership dues provide capital for an entire season of growth, and members themselves generate the trust and goodwill that incentivize and invigorate a bountiful, rewarding season. As farmers, we cannot overstate the power of this commitment. By joining our CSA, you are the *culture* in local, small-scale, diversified agri-culture.

Why join?

The freshest certified organic food. More veggies in your diet. Supporting local businesses. Reconnecting with land. Investing in restoration and biodiversity. Knowing the face, hands, and family behind your food. Diversifying your diet. Exploration of new tastes and flavors. A sun-ripend tomato. Melons that slip right off the vine. Green beans galore. Celebrating abundance. Living the season.

How does it work?

Diggin Roots Farm offers 20 main season CSA shares, from mid-June through Thanksgiving. In general, shares are weekly; In the Fall, every other week. You identify which pick-up location and share size works best for you. For Portland pick-up sites, boxes are packed for you and you repack into bags to take home. On-farm it is a market-style pickup, where you "shop" for items in each week's share from an abundant display.

What's in a share?

The chart below outlines some seasonal vegetables one could expect to find in her share. When crops are especially abundant, CSA members share in the bounty. Weather, pests, and other worldly forces inevitably influence production. In addition to a share of vegetables, members receive a weekly email update with crop-related information, seasonal recipe ideas, and other farm related news.

Month Harvested	Expected Crops		
June to July	Beets, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, cilantro, spinach, radish, fennel, green onions & garlic, kale,		
	chard, snap & snow peas, kohlrabi, radish, turnips.		
August to	Green beans, summer squash, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, basil, melons, fava beans,		
September	cabbage, lettuce, bunched greens, onions, garlic, broccoli, cilantro, cucumbers, potatoes, dill,		
	parsley, beets, carrots, and leeks.		
October to	Peppers, winter squash, carrots, beets, potatoes, bunched greens, cabbage, cilantro, dill,		
November	parsley, fennel, broccoli, chicory, popcorn, celeriac, spinach, radish, parsnips, garlic, onions,		
	shallots, leeks, and kohlrabi.		

Are there different share sizes?

We offer three share options:

- <u>Full Share</u>: Full shares typically contain 8-12 varieties equivalent to 1-2 grocery bags of produce. For reference, our goal with a full share is to provide a four-person family enough produce for a week, though this rate of use will ultimately depend on the culinary culture of each household.
- <u>Partial Share</u>: A little more than half of the produce included in a full share (6-9 items)! This share could feed one or two adults, or a family that consistently dines out.
- Market Share: You choose what you want from our booth at the Silverton Farmer's Market and we'll subtract it from your total credit. The full market share costs \$400 and gives you \$420 (5% discount) to spend at our Silverton

Farmer's Market booth from late May to early October. Your balance cannot roll over to another year or be used for purchases outside of our market stand.

Can I split a share?

Members who split a full share are responsible for coordination and should designate one person to gather the complete share each week. Otherwise, if share size is a concern, we encourage folks to consider a partial share.

What if a crop fails?

We love this work for many reasons, not the least of which are the smiles on members' faces when they hold a beautiful, bountiful share. This land is a generous host, and a firm teacher. Naturally, the composition of vegetables will vary through the seasons, each phase offering unique lessons and rewards to us farmers. Some production factors (extreme weather, pests, disease) will require short-term compromise and long-term remediation. In the unlikely event of significant crop failure, we adjust for the failed crops by filling shares with other crops ready for harvest. Only in rare instances might there be reduction in share size.

How is it grown?

We intend to care for this place as we care for our own bodies and for the health and well being of our family and friends. We established organic certification in May 2015. We focus on techniques that build soil health and increase biodiversity. For more information about our production practices, please ask, or visit our website.

Where and When do I get my share?

There are six options for pick-up location:

- On-farm (9997 S Wildcat Rd, Molalla) Tuesday 4-7pm.
- Silverton (141 Cherry St.) Tuesday 4-6pm
- Portland
 - o Sellwood neighborhood (1328 SE Nehalem St.). Wednesday 4-7pm
 - o SE Division neighborhood (2803 SE 35th Place). Wednesday 3:30-6pm
 - o Belmont/Mt Tabor Belmont Family Dentistry (5935 SE Belmont Street) Wednesday 3-5pm
- Market shares are available at the <u>Silverton Farmer's Market</u> only.

What if I miss a pick up?

If you cannot pick-up your share, please arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. We ask that members explain the pick-up location and procedure to any substitute folks. Shares that are not retrieved during the pick-up time will be donated to a food pantry or to the drop site host.

Can we get meat, eggs, or other local foods through your CSA?

Hopefully! We are always looking to include new things with your veggies. Our long-term goal is to offer a more 'full-diet' CSA including meats, eggs, honey, grains, etc. In the short-term, we are raising meat and know a number of other farmers & local producer friends with goodies to share. Please identify what you'd be interested in on the sign-up form.

Are there payment options?

Yes. While we prefer full payments upfront, you may pay in two installments.

More information: Visit www.digginrootsfarm.com, email us at info@digginrootsfarm.com, or call 503-759-3969.

^{**}Pick-up sites require a minimum of 10 members to make it happen- make sure your friends sign-up!



Diggin' Roots Farm Community Supported Agriculture 2016 Sign-Up Form

Diggin' Roots Farm pork

Choose your location and shar	re type below:			
Molalla- On-Farm		Tuesdays 3	-7pm	
Full Share (\$610)		\$		
Partial Share (\$440)		\$		
Portland (Select site below)		Wednesday		
Sellwood (4-7pm)	SE Division (3:30-6pm)	☐ Belmont/T	abor (3-5pm)	
Full Share (\$650)		\$		
Partial Share (\$460)		\$		
Silverton Farmer's Market Sha	are	Saturdays 9	-1pm	
Market Share (\$400)		\$		
Silverton		Tuesdays 4	-6pm	
Full Share (\$630)		\$		
Partial Share (\$450)		\$		
	Total	Due \$		
Payment Option: Please enclose to	wo equal checks one dated today and one	e dated for any date BEF	ORE May 15, 2016.	
the season (minus value of shares re By signing below, I confirm that I ha	eceived). ave read the Q&A on CSA and agree t	to purchase the share	indicated above.	
Name (please print):		Date:		
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Address:				
City, State, ZIP:				
Phone:	Email:			
Add-Ons				
Please indicate your interest in add-	ons below. No commitment at this tir	me. Product type or fla	avor (if applicable) would	
vary on a weekly basis and full paym	nent would be required in advance. \underline{A}	pproximate prices are	included below.	
Select Optional Add-On Item			Quantity	
Café Mam Organic Cof	<u>fee</u> (\$10/lb)		Lbs./Week	
Silver Falls Bread Compa	any breads (\$6/loaf)		Loaves/Week	
Diggin' Roots Farm gr	ass-fed lamb		Half Whole	

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