

Featherbed Lane Farm

2017 CSA Membership Information



Thank you for your interest in Featherbed Lane Farm's first year of CSA Memberships!

What is a CSA? Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a model of farming that allows people to buy their food directly from a local farmer. A distinguishing feature is that people who wish to buy from a CSA farm make an up-front commitment to the farmer by pre-purchasing food, which helps the farmer secure early season capital.

What is a CSA Share? A CSA Share is the farm's produce for which a person has made an advance payment. Essentially, the Share is the food someone picks up from their CSA farm each week.

What is a CSA Member? In accepting a person's up-front commitment to buy a CSA Share, the farmer in turn makes a commitment to them: to provide them with the best quality of food – fresh, nutritious and grown with care. This mutual commitment is the reason why a person who buys a CSA Share is considered to be more than just a customer. They become part of the farm, which is why they are called Members. Some CSAs offer additional benefits with Membership.

Featherbed Lane Farm's CSA

We offer a *full year* CSA Share. This means you get access to the farm's produce every week of the year, all year round. Our Share is also *free choice*, which means you can take as much of the available produce as you want to eat that week. We do not pre-box your Share. You take what you want for fresh eating.

CSA Pick-Up

As a CSA Member, you come to the farm each week to pick up your Share.

- Pick-up will be held every Saturday, from 9am-1pm.
- If you can't make it for a pick-up, you can donate your Share to a friend (who would come to the farm in your place) or you can call us to box and hold your Share for you to pick up at another time.
- Pick-up for the 2017 CSA Membership will begin in June.

Three types of Shares are available for 2017

When you sign-up to become a Member, you choose the number and types of Shares you would like. Please note that Egg Shares and Meat Shares are only available for CSA Members who purchase Vegetable Shares.

Vegetable Share - The Vegetable Share is seasonal by nature, made up of produce that can be grown unprotected in the field or using unheated greenhouses, row cover and other low input season-extension technologies. Throughout the year, the produce will be fresh – having been harvested that week – or drawn from root cellars and coolers.

Egg Share – Our hens are pastured, grazing and picking through the fields, in addition to receiving local and/or organic grains to produce highly nutritious and delicious free-range eggs. In the winter, the hens will move into a greenhouse to stay warm and be in the sun. Fresh eggs will be available all year.

Meat Share – We are partnering with our friends at Mace Chasm Farm to offer a meat share. Located in Keeseville, NY, Mace Chasm Farm produces high-quality, pastured-raised meats. They butcher on farm to control quality and produce incredible cuts, sausages and other products.

2017 CSA Share Prices

We offer installment plans for CSA Share payments but there is a 10% discount for Shares paid in full. We also offer a sliding scale on CSA Share prices, discussed on an individual basis.

Vegetables: Adult Vegetable Shares are priced according to the number of Adult Shares per household. There are discounts for families and roommates. Children's Shares are priced according to age. Children 12 years and older are counted as adults. Children under 5 are free.

Vegetable Shares Adult	Total Per Month	Total Per Year	Savings
Individual Adult	\$120	\$1,440	
Household - 2 Adults	\$200	\$2,400	\$480
Household - 3 Adults	\$260	\$3,120	\$1,200
Household - 4 Adults	\$320	\$3,840	\$1,920

Vegetable Shares Children	Total Per Month	Total Per Year
Children - 0 to 4	\$0	\$0
Children - 5 to 8	\$30	\$360
Children - 9 to 11	\$40	\$480

Eggs: Egg Shares are sold on a credit system. To buy eggs, you make a down payment to establish a credit. You then draw against that credit whenever you take eggs during pick-up. Eggs are priced at \$4/Half-dozen, \$6/Dozen and \$10/Two-dozen.

Meat: There are a variety of Meat Share options from which you can choose, each varies in price. For more information, visit Mace Chasm's website: <https://csa.farmigo.com/join/macechasmfarm/macechasm>.

Additional Benefits for CSA Members

In addition to the great food, there are other benefits to being a CSA Member at Featherbed Lane Farm:

On-Farm Events – Throughout the year, we host on-farm events for CSA Members only, including winter sleigh rides, wagon rides to harvest pumpkins, fall camping on the farm and more.

U-Pick Harvests – Certain crops, such as strawberries, snap peas and cherry tomatoes are available for CSA Members to pick at no charge, as an addition to what comes with their Share.

Access to the Farm – The farm is open to CSA Members on most days of the week. Members can come to the farm to picnic in a field or take a walk in the woods. Members who like being hands-on can also volunteer.

Being a Part of the Community – As a CSA Member, you become an important part of this farm and community, connecting with others who share an affinity for wholesome foods and sustainable agriculture. Weekly pick-ups, on-farm events and regular emails and social media updates help to keep us all in touch.

Become a CSA Member at Featherbed Lane Farm

We want every Member to be happy with their decision to join our CSA. If you are interested in becoming a Member, we will meet with you to review CSA details and to address any questions you have. When you are ready to sign up, we can help you select the number and types of Shares that work best for you. Contact Tim Biello for more information or to become a CSA Member.

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