

# 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 of the CSA model is that people who wish to buy from a CSA farm make an up-front commitment to the farmer by pre-purchasing their food.

**What is a CSA Share?** A CSA Share is the farm's produce for which a person has made an advance payment.

**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, food that is 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 is 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.

### Two 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 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.

## **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 is a discount for each additional Adult Share per household, such as for families or roommates. Children's Shares are priced according to age and Children under 5 are free.

Vegetable Shares - Adult	Cost Per Month	Total Cost per Year
Individual Adult	\$120	\$1440
Shared Household - 2 Adults	\$200	\$2,400
Shared Household - 3 Adults	\$260	\$3,120
Shared Household - 4 Adults	\$300	\$3,600

Vegetable Shares – Children	Cost Per Month	Total Cost per Year
Children - 0 to 4	\$0	\$0
Children - 5 - 9	\$30	\$360
Children - 10 to 14	\$50	\$600

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.

### **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, in addition to what comes with your Share.

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