

Featherbed Lane Farm

2018 CSA Membership Information



Thank you for your interest in CSA Membership at Featherbed Lane Farm!

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 get to 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.

- Pickup will be held every Saturday, from 9am-1pm.
- If you can't make it for a Saturday Pickup, you can have someone get your Share for you or you can gift your Share to them and they will come to the farm in your place that week. You can also contact us to box and hold your Share for you to pick up on the following Monday, after 3pm.
- Pickup for the 2018 CSA Membership begins in June 2018.

CSA Shares are available for 2018

You get to choose from the Share options based on who – you, your family and/or your housemates – will be eating the farm's produce. Egg Shares are only available to CSA Members who purchase Vegetable Shares. Please note that we meet individually with each new CSA Member to go over these details and to answer any questions you might have.

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 pecking in the fields as well as receiving local and non-GMO grains to produce highly nutritious and delicious free-range eggs. In the winter, the hens live in one of the farm's greenhouses to stay warm and be in the sun. Fresh eggs are 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 are discounts for families and roommates. Children's Shares are priced according to age. Children 12 years and older are priced as adults. Children under 5 are free.

Vegetable Shares Adult	Total Per Month	Total Per Year	Savings
Individual Adult	\$130	\$1,560	
Household - 2 Adults	\$225	\$2,700	\$420
Household - 3 Adults	\$300	\$3,600	\$1,080
Household - 4 Adults	\$350	\$4,200	\$2,040

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 Pickup. Eggs are priced at \$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 and U-Pick Harvests – Throughout the year, we host on-farm events including winter sleigh rides, wagon rides to harvest pumpkins, fall camping on the farm and more. In addition, certain crops, such as strawberries, snap peas, and cherry tomatoes are available for CSA Members to U-Pick for fresh eating and at no charge, as an addition to what comes with your Share.

Making the Most of your Share – We provide recipes, cooking ideas and nutritional facts, host demonstrations and/or connect Members with resources for preserving and preparing foods, and in other ways help you to enjoy your Share and make the most of it.

Access to the Farm – The farm is open to CSA Members every day of the week except Sundays. You can come to the farm to picnic in a field, take a walk in the woods and more. If you like being hands-on, you can also volunteer on the farm.

Access to Products from Other Local Farms – We often collaborate with our neighbors and farm friends to offer additional products for sale to CSA Members, such as local honey, maple syrup, meats, yarn and more.

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 Pickup, 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 Featherbed Lane Farm CSA 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 and to discuss your CSA Membership.

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