



Diggin' Roots Farm

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Questions and Answers

What is CSA?

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a commitment that straightens and strengthens the connection between eaters, producers, and the land. Your upfront payment provides capital for an entire season of growth. As farmers, we cannot overstate the power of this commitment. With gratitude as our guide, we reciprocate the trust of our members with bountiful, vibrant, beautiful food, all grown with a love. **Through your support of CSA, we all become the culture in local, small-scale, diversified agri-culture.**

Why join?

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

How does it work?

Diggin Roots Farm offers a 22-week CSA, from mid-June through mid-November. You identify which pick-up location and share size works best for you. Boxes are packed for you and you repack into bags to take home.

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.** We strive to have one *Allium* in every share (garlic, onion, leeks, shallot, scallion), one annual herb (cilantro, dill, parsley, or basil), one root vegetable, one bunched green (kale or chard), and lettuce. The share is rounded out with additional vegetables from the list below. 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 September	Green beans, summer squash, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, basil, melons, fava beans, cabbage, lettuce, bunched greens, onions, garlic, broccoli, cilantro, cucumbers, potatoes, dill, parsley, beets, carrots, and leeks.
October to November	Peppers, winter squash, carrots, beets, potatoes, bunched greens, cabbage, cilantro, dill, 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:

- **Full Share:** 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. These are valued at \$33-\$35/week.
- **Partial Share:** 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. These are valued at \$23-\$25/week.
- **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 will 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 - Inner SE (2803 SE 35th Place). Wednesday 3:30-6pm
- Market shares are available at the Silverton Farmer's Market only.

**Pick-up sites require a minimum of 15 members to make it happen- make sure your friends sign-up!

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?

Yes! 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 lamb and pork and know a number of other farmers & local producer friends with goodies to share. Please see this year's sign-up form for optional add-ons.

Are there alternative payment options?

While we prefer full payments upfront, we are happy to discuss cash-flow-friendlier payment plans. Please select your payment option(s) on the sign-up form.

All payments are refundable through the second week of the season (minus value of shares received).

By signing below, I confirm that I have read the Q&A on CSA- including what happens if I miss a share - and agree to purchase the share indicated on my sign-up form.

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Write legibly please!

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