

True Calling Farm

CSA Shareholder Agreement 2019!



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Shareholder Contact Info:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Share Pickup Location: _____ 35 Creamery Hill Rd, Orange, MA 01364 _____

Pickup Day: _____ Tuesday Evening _____ **Time:** _____ After 4 pm _____

I would like to purchase the following share *(please check)*:

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$190 (for an average of 3-4 items/week) - \$12 value per week on produce for 16 weeks
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300 (for an average of 5-6 items/week) - \$19 value per week on produce for 16 weeks
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$415 (for an average of 7-8 items/week) - \$26 value per week on produce for 16 weeks
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$525 (for an average of 9-10 items/week) - \$33 value per week on produce for 16 weeks

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the **“True Calling Farm CSA Agreement Information”** provided with this agreement *(please check)*.

Amount Due:	
Payment Type (cash/check):	(Check #: _____)
Shareholder Signature:	
Farmer Signature:	
Date:	

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We're growing varieties of over 90 different vegetables, 12 herbs, and 20 cut flowers!
 Here's the main categories of what we'll be growing this year that will be available seasonally:

VEGETABLES:

Beans	Greens, Arugula	Onions, Shallots
Beets	Greens, Baby Mix	Peas
Broccoli	Greens, Microgreens	Peppers, Sweet
Cabbage	Greens, Spinach	Peppers, Hot
Carrots	Kale, Leaf & Baby Mix	Potatoes, Fingerling
Cucumber	Leeks	Pumpkins
Eggplant	Lettuce, Baby Mix	Radishes
Gourds	Lettuce, Head	Squash, Summer
Ground Cherries	Melons, Cantaloupe	Squash, Zucchini
Salad Turnips	Melons, Watermelon	Squash, Winter
Onions, Scallions	Onions, Cipollini	Tomatoes

HERBS:

Basil	Oregano
Chives	Parsley
Cilantro	Rosemary
Dill	Sage
Mint	Thyme

FLOWERS:

Ammi/Daucus	Celosia	Gomphrena	Statice
Amaranthus	Cynoglossum	Larkspur	Stock
Aster	Cosmos	Rudbeckia	Strawflower
Bells of Ireland	Didiscus	Salvia	Sunflower
Calendula	Dianthus	Scabiosa	Sweet Peas
Centaurea	Eucalyptus	Snapdragons	Zinnias

True Calling Farm - CSA Agreement Information

WHAT IS A CSA?

A CSA, or Community Supported Agriculture, means that shareholders pre-purchase their share at the start of the season when the expenses for the farmer are high and income is non-existent.

Shareholders (you!) are able to:

- Help the farmer (us!) with seasonal start-up costs
- Invest in your local community (all of us!)
- Receive tasty locally grown produce throughout the growing season.



WHAT DOES A “DEBIT-STYLE” CSA ENTAIL?

The purpose of a debit style CSA is to allow the customer more flexibility from week to week. Shareholders will be able to choose their item(s) from the available produce in the amount they need until their balance runs out. They can also recharge their balance throughout the growing season if they require more produce in increments of \$50 or \$100.

Our Pricing Tiers:

\$190 (for an average of 3-4 items/week) - \$12 value per week on produce

\$300 (for an average of 5-6 items/week) - \$19 value per week on produce

\$415 (for an average of 7-8 items/week) - \$26 value per week on produce

\$525 (for an average of 9-10 items/week) - \$33 value per week on produce

With a “debit style” CSA, each item on offer has a value attached to it (i.e. \$3 for a bunch of carrots and \$4 for a bag of mixed greens) and shareholders ‘order’ from a weekly list of what’s available/in season. That amount is then deducted from their account balance (i.e. \$7 will be deducted for the bunch of carrots and bag of mixed greens).

While running a debit-style CSA does mean more administrative work on our part, we have a strong personal commitment to minimizing waste. This model helps us work from a very specific harvest list and reduces waste from over-harvesting.

Do you *really* dislike broccoli? No problem. We prefer this debit-style model because it means you don’t have to order/receive what you are not interested in eating (unlike CSA box shares that give you whatever the farmer decides each week, regardless of your eating habits).

Shareholders enjoy the benefit of ordering produce on weeks they plan to be around, and to ‘pass’ on ordering during weeks they might be away on vacation or have other obligations.

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FARMER/CSA SHAREHOLDER UNDERSTANDINGS:

- We, the farmers, will grow an extensive variety of vegetables, fruits, and flowers during the course of the 16 week season from June through early October (exact dates will be communicated based on the first and last frost of the season as these dates determine our ability to plant crops in the field).
- We will sometimes have to put limitations (i.e. 1 bunch of beets that particular week instead of offering unlimited bunches) on a certain item so that all shareholders can have the same opportunity to enjoy items that are more popular or limited in quantity.
- CSA Shareholders can enjoy a wide selection of items each week as they are available seasonally. Shareholders are in control of when and how many items they get in their share.
- CSA shareholders take on the risk with the farmer of the remote possibility of pests, extreme weather, diseases et. al. resulting in low yields or total crop failure. In the event of any of these unfortunate circumstances, we would work together with you to come up with a solution.
- CSA shareholders can be secure in our commitment to our local environment. We are creating a symbiotic micro-ecosystem of plants and beneficial insects that limits the use of pesticides. Our environmentally sound practices ensure we are able to deliver fresh harvests that prioritize our shareholders' wellness.
- CSA shareholders are responsible for picking up their share at the agreed-upon specified time, or arranging with the farmer if they need occasional special accommodations. We will make every effort to meet any reasonable extenuating request. Unless otherwise arranged, local shares can be picked up on Tuesday evenings after 4 pm.
- CSA shareholders are expected to pay in full for their chosen share upon enrollment in the CSA. We can accept cash and check at this time (Make checks out to: True Calling Farm). Other payment considerations (ie: 2 payments of \$95 for our lowest tier [\$190] with payments scheduled before June 1st) can be discussed. We want our CSA shares to be accessible to as many people as possible.
- CSA shareholders must use their full balance for their chosen share by the end of the 16 week season. We will not refund unused partial account balances because we will have already invested that money in producing CSA shares.

We appreciate you supporting
your local community farm!

