

Specifics and Common Questions

Dates: The Season runs 25 weeks, from May through October.

Cost: \$660.00 (includes \$35.00 non-refundable administration fee, sales tax, and fuel surcharge). Deposit of \$235 due at the time you sign up. Payment for package due weekly for first 17 weeks (\$25 includes sales tax) Final weeks are covered by your deposit.

Pick-Up Locations and Times:

Subject to change, you will be notified of exact address prior to CSA start.

Wednesday, 5pm -6:30pm, in the Waldo area.

Friday, 5pm - 6:30pm, in Overland Park area.

Quantities and expectations: In general, we put together a share for a family who eats a healthy amount of vegetables, and cooks at home. Each week, your bag will contain 4-5 different in season fruits, herbs and vegetables, a newsletter. Recipes and storage hints will be posted on our web page.

What it's a terrible growing year? Part of supporting a local farm is that we are subject to the whims of nature. We do our best to guarantee a steady and generous supply of a variety of fruits and vegetables, but one thing farming has taught us, is how little control we have. If we come up short on a crop, you will receive more of something else. We also have alliances with other local growers. We try to give you produce grown on our farm, but there may be occasions when we obtain produce from another local grower. Of course if we have a bumper crop you can expect larger quantities of a specific item.

What kind of a mix of vegetables will we get?

Each week we try to put together a bag that will make sense in the kitchen. We attempt to give you what you will need for the recipe of the week. Generally, there are 4-5 different varieties of produce, including fruits, vegetables and herbs. We also try to provide a mix of familiar and lesser known vegetables, so you may get one vegetable like cubenelle peppers with tomatoes, potatoes, beans, onions and a cucumber.

What if we don't like all the produce we get?

Part of the CSA experience is to encourage an adventurous approach to eating vegetables. Many customers who could not stand a particular veggie learned to love it when they tried it fresh. Many of our customers find it fun to look for new ways to use the variety of produce they receive. While tomatoes will probably always be a favorite, greens and herbs add depth and flavor to our meals. Not to mention the healthful benefits of eating a variety of foods. Don't worry; you will get an abundance of familiar fruits and veggies!

What is this thing? It sometimes happens you won't know what a particular vegetable is, much less how to use it. Don't panic. First, review your newsletter, we provide a description of most unusual vegetables. If there is no description match up the list of what you have and by default the one you can't identify will probably be it. Next look over the recipe for the week to see if the item is used in that. If you are still unsure, call or email us and we will be glad to help.

What happens if I can't pick up my produce on my designated day? Let us know 48 hours in advance if you cannot pick up your package.

We will give you a pass, or you may request a pick up on another day. If this is not possible you may consider having another person pick up for you. Any packages not picked up (a miss) will be billed and donated. Once your deposit kicks in we cannot refund money, so please try to plan ahead.

I don't like beets. How do I make sure I don't get any in my bag?

Unfortunately, we can't accommodate individual likes and dislikes. If you have strong feelings about what veggies you will or won't eat a CSA is not for you. We suggest you try it again. Our perceptions of many veggies come from buying conventional or old produce. You will find that fresh, unsprayed produce has much more flavor, not to mention higher nutritional value.

Can a payment plan be arranged? Yes, we can usually work something out. Please call us!

Can I get more involved? We love having people come to visit and to volunteer! There are many ways you can help out, either on the farm or on pick up day. If you want to visit the farm, either to work or just hang out, please call in advance to make sure we are there. Kids are welcome, we are only 12 miles from Stockton lake, and have 30 acres of forest with a small stream. We would also be happy to host a tour for a group.

How do I Sign UP? Fill out the CSA Agreement attached to this brochure and mail it along with your deposit check for \$235 to:

The Organic Way
Route 1, Box 104
Milo, MO 64767

CSA is to run from May through Oct. You pay \$25 per week until your deposit hits. Other items are available at an additional cost such as chickens and eggs. A deposit of \$235 is required to join. This covers your last 8 weeks of the season, and a \$35.00 administration fee. This fee covers paper, phone calls, bags, and printer cartridges. The administration fee is non-refundable.

You will pay each week for your produce until your deposit kicks in. If you need to miss a week, we require a 48 hour notice prior to your scheduled pick up. If you do not notify us prior to pick up, you will be billed for the produce and the food will be donated. **No refunds will be made after the deposit kicks in**, if you need to miss a date after that time, with notice you can have someone else pick up for you, pick up on the alternate day, or double up at another time.

You will be notified around the end of April regarding final pick up times and locations. At this time we plan the following:
Wednesday pickup in the Waldo area.
Friday pickup in the Overland Park area.

To become part of The Organic Way Farm for the 2008 season, send your deposit check \$235 along with this part of the brochure with the following information:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

e-mail Address:

Are you interested in eggs? _____

How Many a Week: _____

Are you interested in Chickens? _____