

Holcomb Farm CSA 2011 CSA Memberships and Registration Form

Full Share: \$630- approximately two share bags (roughly equivalent to a plastic grocery bag) of produce each week for 20 weeks plus access to the Pick-Your Own crops. Full shares are good for larger households or serious veggie eaters. We provide reusable share bags to each member.

Half Share: \$315- same as the full share, except that you fill just one share bag each week. Most households find that a half share is sufficient.

Season: 20 weeks from early June through October. The exact start date depends on the development of the spring crops and will be announced in May.

Pick-up Days: Tuesday 2-6, Thursday 3-7, Saturday 9-12. You may come once per calendar week anytime during those hours. You do NOT need to come at the same time each week.

Pick-Your-Own Crops: Most weeks of the season, we will have something for members to harvest in easily accessible fields. The PYO crops include strawberries, basil, cilantro, other herbs, cherry tomatoes, tomatillos, hot peppers, plum tomatoes, heirloom tomatoes, cut flowers, green beans, edamame soybeans, snap peas, shelling peas, and raspberries. You may come for the Pick-Your-Own crops anytime during daylight hours. Some members choose to come to pick their flowers or other crops at a different time if it's raining when they come for their share or just prefer to come when it's quieter. We have signage outside the barn and in the fields announcing what's ready to pick and where it is.

What's in a share? Your weekly share will usually consist of 6-10 items each week. Most weeks, you may select the items you prefer from the items available up to the amount that will fit in your share bag (half shares) or 2 share bags (full shares). Items in short supply may be individually limited.

What we grow: "Staple" crops that we try to have a consistent supply of include lettuce, summer squash and zucchini, cucumbers, watermelon, carrots, beets, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, potatoes, onions, winter squash, and a variety of cooking greens. Other crops that we grow in lesser amounts to round out the shares include fennel, brussels sprouts, leeks, spinach, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, turnips, rutabaga, kohlrabi, arugula, parsnips, celeriac, and sweet potatoes.

Farm Shop: During CSA distribution times, we sell in our farm shop on a cash basis our own eggs from free range hens fed organic grain, our own pork raised outdoors

and fed organic grain, plus a few products from other local farms including apples, peaches, ice cream, honey, maple syrup, goat cheese, cow cheese, yogurt, lamb, beef, Thanksgiving turkeys, and more.

Winter Share: We offer a smaller number of Winter CSA Shares in the fall. Winter Share consists of ten bi-weekly distributions November - March. Crops include fresh cold hardy greens from the field in late fall and from the greenhouse in winter. In addition we offer from storage, carrots, potatoes, beets, parsnips, winter squash, rutabagas, sunchokes, cabbage, and more.

Do I have to Work on the Farm? No. We do not require members to work on the farm but we do offer a few member work days each season where it's great to get many hands together to accomplish a big harvest or other task on the farm.

What's the Risk? The spirit of Community Supported Agriculture is that eaters and farmers work together to contribute to a resilient and healthy local food system. The understanding is that CSA members provide consistent support to the farm, and we the farmers do our best to provide a plentiful, consistent, and varied supply of farm fresh produce. Some weeks are leaner than others (particularly early in the season) but rarely there is a confluence of factors that really puts a hole in the flow of produce. We've been at this for many years, and our hundreds of long term members can attest to our ability to provide a satisfying array of crops under a variety of conditions, year in and year out.

Are you Organic? Each year, we sign the Northeast Organic Farming Association's Farmer's Pledge, verifying that we do not use synthetic chemicals in our farming and that we employ management methods that protect and build the soil, provide a good environment for our workers, and have little impact on the surrounding ecology. We are dedicated to providing outstanding flavor and nutrition through our farming. We are not certified organic. For more information about our growing practices and for pictures of the farm, visit www.holcombfarmcsa.org.

Thank You,
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2011 Holcomb Farm CSA Share Registration Form

Yes! I would like to support Holcomb Farm CSA by purchasing a 2011 CSA Share.

I understand that CSA shareholders share in the seasonality and risks of the growing season. While the Farm strives to provide a diverse and generous supply of produce for twenty weeks, I understand and accept the inherent risks of farming which impact crop yields.

Please sign

Please print

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____
City, State, and ZIP

- A minimum \$100 deposit is required to reserve a CSA membership.
- The balance will be due June 1st, 2011.

2011 Twenty Week Full Share – \$630 Full Payment _____

2011 Twenty Week Full Share– \$100 Deposit _____

2011 Twenty Week Half Share – \$315 Full Payment _____

2011 Twenty Week Half Share – \$100 Deposit _____

Tax Deductible Donation to support our
Fresh Access program providing fresh produce
To Seniors in Granby and Hartford . _____

Total Payment _____

Please make check payable to Holcomb Farm, including donation.

Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis, based on when we receive payment. We have a limited number of CSA shares available each season, based on our crop production capacity. Holcomb Farm CSA shareholders automatically become supporting members of Holcomb Farm, which includes the Learning Center along with the CSA. For more information on Farm membership, visit holcombfarm.org.

**** Look for a member information packet by email in May ****

Please mail this form to

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