

WHAT IS COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE?

By becoming a CSA Member, you share in the bounty of our farm! CSA Members pick up a selection of in-season fresh organic vegetables, herbs and occasional fruit and cut flowers from our farm or the Orangeville Farmer's Market every week from approximately mid-June to the end of October. On-farm pickups allow CSA Members to speak with the farmers and see our farming practices firsthand.



WHY DO WE NEED CSA?

Our current food system gives us all cause for concern. Our food is trucked in from thousands of miles away. We do not know the farmer who grew the food or the practices they may have used. Our local farm families are losing their livelihoods. CSA seeks to address all of these concerns. Members help farmers earn a decent, reliable income while supporting local, organic food and sustainable farming.

SHARE THE JOYS AND RISKS

In the CSA arrangement, Members share in the risks of farming. For example, if a particular crop is affected by weather or pests, Member shares may be smaller or less diverse. However, if the year is good and there is a bumper crop, Members reap the rewards! This allows farmers to focus on doing what they do best: growing delicious organic food.

ECOLOGICAL FARMING

We are a biodynamic farm that is committed to caring for the earth and maintaining the integrity of our land for future generations. We do not use any chemicals, artificial fertilizers or GMO's. We use human labor whenever possible to avoid dependence on fossil fuel and plant heirloom varieties of vegetables to preserve plant genetic diversity. We have just incorporated two draft horses into the operation to reduce our fossil fuel consumption and add diversity to the farm.



WHAT WILL I GET?

A typical pick-up consists of 9-12 items that vary by the week and by the season. Staple crops include greens such as lettuce, spinach, chard, kale, herbs, potatoes, carrots, beets, cabbage and onions. Many others are included, with the main crops listed below. Dates are approximate and will vary.

CROP	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Beans					
Beets					
Broccoli					
Cabbage					
Carrots					
Corn					
Cucumber					
Greens					
Tomato					
Onion					
Peas					
Peppers					
Potato					
Radish					
Summer Squash					
Winter Squash					
Turnip					

CSA IS RIGHT FOR YOU IF:

- ◆ You want to eat locally and in season
- ◆ You care about what you eat, where it comes from, and how it's grown
- ◆ You want to develop connections to the people and land that grow your food

NOT JUST A CUSTOMER

At Whole Village CSA you are not just a customer but a Member of our farm community. New members attend an Orientation session and are welcome to volunteer in the garden, participate in farm events or simply a walk around the farm.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

You pay a seasonal Membership fee to join the CSA. Those interested in a large share pay \$700 and those interested in a small share pay \$500. A large share is usually enough to feed a family of four with two children. A small share will feed a single vegetarian or a couple. The Membership fee can be paid annually by cash or cheque or you can submit payments through post-dated cheques. Alternative payments options can be arranged for those that require them.



PICKING UP YOUR SHARE

We have three different pick-up locations:

- 1) On-Farm Pick Up: Tuesdays 4-7 pm
- 2) Orangeville Farmer's Market, Saturdays 8 am to 1 pm
- 3) Bolton Farmer's Market, Thursdays 3 – 8 pm

WHAT IS WHOLE VILLAGE?

Whole Village is an intentional community committed to sustainability and land stewardship. Our 191 acre farm is located in Caledon, just south of Orangeville. 2009 will be our eighth year growing healthy organic produce for our community and local residents.



BECOMING A CSA MEMBER FOR 2009

Please send an email or call us to request a membership application package by mail or email. Space is limited so please be in touch sooner rather than later to ensure your membership.

HOW TO CONTACT US

If you have any further questions please contact us.

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