



2010 Membership Agreement

What is CSA? Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a mutually beneficial partnership between farmers and local consumers. The farmer pre-sells a certain number of “shares” of the farm’s projected harvest of fresh, nutritious vegetables to locally-based individuals, families, and institutions. The share price provides the farm with sufficient funds in advance of the growing season to cover the costs of vegetable production. During the season, CSA members receive a weekly share of vegetables in return for their investment.

CSA Member Pledge:

I enjoy fresh, locally grown produce and want to help ensure its availability on the upper eastern shore; I am thus becoming a member of Colchester Farm's CSA Project. I agree to share in the inherent risks (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season) of farming. In an attempt to mitigate the aforementioned risks, the farmers at Colchester employ farming practices such as growing a wide variety of crops that thrive in different conditions, crop rotation, cover cropping, and irrigation. I understand that there is no guarantee on the exact variety or quantity of produce I receive in my share, but I can expect to receive the freshest, highest quality produce our farmers can grow.

By becoming a member, I commit to picking up my share weekly, and I understand that if I, or someone I designate, is unable to pick up my share(s) they CANNOT be saved or picked up at a later date unless arrangements have been made in advance with the farm manager.

More information: to learn more about our farming practices and mission, please visit our website: www.colchesterfarm.org or connect with us on Facebook: Colchester Farm Community Supported Agriculture.



----- See back for specific details on shares and pick-ups -----

I would like to become a member of the CSA.

Please reserve a:

- Small Share (5 units/week) at \$345.00
- Medium Share (8 units/week) at \$495.00
- Large Share (14 units/week) at \$760.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate your payment method.

- I am enclosing the entire amount.
- I would like to pay in three installments: 1/3 now (no later than February 28th), 1/3 by March 31st, and 1/3 by April 30th. Memberships purchased after March 1st must be paid in full.
- I would like to discuss work share options.

Please indicate your pick-up day.

Choose *one day only*. We **discourage** changing this day once pick-ups begin.

- Tuesday from 4pm - 6pm, Kingstown Farm, Home & Garden (Rt. 213 just south of the Chester River)
- Friday from 4pm – 6pm, Colchester Farm (just north of Galena)
- Saturday, Chestertown Farmers’ Market 8am-10am
- Other group arrangement (approved by Manager)

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of Colchester Farm CSA. By signing this agreement, I am entering into a partnership with the CSA farm and pledge my support to the farmers while a member. Refunds are not given for any reason.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return bottom half of form with payment to: Box 191, Colchester Farm, Georgetown, MD 21930.
Please make checks payable to Colchester Farm CSA

The Shares

The CSA season will be extended from 22 weeks to 26 weeks in 2010. Pick-ups run from late May/early June through mid-November. Colchester Farm CSA will continue to offer 3 share sizes to accommodate the differing needs of our members. The total number of units in a share will remain constant throughout the season, but each week units may vary in size and weight depending on the time of the season. You are more than welcome to split a share with someone, but it is the responsibility of the member who signed up for the share; the farm cannot be responsible for dividing the produce in half for you.

- ☞ A small share consists of 5 units per week. The cost is \$345 which is \$2.65/unit.
- ☞ A medium share consists of 8 units per week. The cost is \$495 which is \$2.38/unit.
- ☞ A large share consists of 14 units per week. The cost is \$760 which is \$2.09/unit.

New this year, members can pay for their share in three installments. However, once you make the first payment, you are committing to purchasing a share. Payments are due by February 28, March 31 and April 30.

- ☞ For a small share, the payments are \$115
- ☞ For a medium share, the payments are \$165
- ☞ For a large share, the payments are \$253.33

The Pick-Up

The CSA offers three options for members to select their units for each week's share. In 2010, the CSA will have a pick-up location on Tuesday afternoon (4pm – 6pm) at Kingstown Farm, Home & Garden just south of Chestertown. The farm will serve as a pick-up location on Friday afternoon (4pm – 6 pm). And, we will offer a limited number of shares for pick-up on Saturday from 8am-10am at our table at the Chestertown Farmers Market. There will be no box delivery to the Kent County Government Center.

In addition, the CSA may be able to provide boxed shares to groups who are unable to get to a pick up location. Generally, a minimum of 10 members is required to accommodate this type of arrangement. The group members designate someone to pick up their boxes, usually at the farm, for distribution at an agreed upon site. Currently, the CSA has an arrangement with a group in Dover and a group near Easton. If you are interested in this type of arrangement, please contact Theresa Mycek.

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