

Community Supported Agriculture

Staehly Farms CSA Terms of Operation

What is a CSA?

[CSA](#) stands for “Community Supported Agriculture” and refers to a program where your local farmer (Staehly Farms) offers a certain number of “shares” to the public. Each share entitles members to a weekly amount of fresh-picked produce, discounts & specials, recipes, and other treats from the farm such as honey, syrup, and more.

Community-Supported or [Community-Shared Agriculture](#) (CSA) is also known as “subscription farming.” A subscription to your local farm can be purchased just like a subscription to a magazine or newspaper, but instead of receiving a magazine or newspaper every week, you receive a “share” of fresh, locally grown fruit and/or vegetables. CSA is an opportunity for members or shareholders to “buy” into the farm and create a partnership while taking on a shared risk with the farmers. Becoming a member creates a responsible relationship between people and the food they eat, the land on which it is grown and those who grow it.

What is the Advantage to You? Why Should You Participate?

- Weekly supply of ultra-fresh food, brimming with flavor
- Getting exposure to new foods that you may not normally buy
- Tips and Recipes to help you enjoy your weekly bounty
- Members only specials and discounts for additional farm products
- Contents fresh picked by Staehly Farms and hand selected for CSA Members
- Develop a relationship with the farmers who grows your food and learn more about how food is grown

What types of shares are available?

In 2017 Staehly Farms is offering two options: The Full Share and the Half Share. Each share denotes a certain value to be picked up each week, and is priced accordingly. The Full Share is suitable for families or couples who eat home frequently. The Half Share is suitable for single individuals or for families that don't eat at home more than three times per week.

Staehly Farms may add a Meat Share offering for the 2017 season. These Terms will be updated accordingly when such a decision has been made.

When does the CSA Start?

All Full and Half shares of the Staehly Farms CSA will start on June 4, 2017 for 20 weeks into October.

How much does a “Share” Cost?

A Full CSA Share is \$600.00. A Half Share is \$400.00. When you break a Full Share and Half Share down, it ends up being \$30.00 or \$20.00 a week respectively for the 20 weeks. When redeemed, you will receive a greater value of produce with Member Pricing.

Deposits & Refunds

Deposits placed after January 1, 2017 are not refundable: By placing a deposit you are providing us with the funds to start growing the plants for your fruit and vegetables in the share. Any additional payments made on or after the day of final payment as indicated on your signed contract, or preceding or proceeding sixty (60) days of the start day of the CSA as noted above (June 04, 2017), are not eligible for refunding. All shares not redeemed in whole or in part by the close of business on Saturday each week will not be refunded. Remaining balances do not carry from week to week. Any rebates, coupons, bonuses, or any other rewards will be null and void if a contract is cancelled or refunded.

How does CSA work at Staehly's?

Families and households sign up to purchase a "share" of the upcoming season's harvest. The commitment-in-advance partners with the farmer on the costs of running the CSA, including seeds, fertilizer, labor, equipment and insurances, most of which are incurred during the spring planting season. The advantage to you is that by paying ahead, we are able to offer you your produce at a discounted price as compared to the price in the farm market.

With the Staehly Farm CSA shares, members choose up to \$30 (or \$20 for Half Shares) of offerings in the farm market each week, at a discounted pricing. Shares can be redeemed at any time during normal business hours, but must be redeemed in full at one time each week. Remaining balances will not be carried and are forfeit at the close of business on each Saturday. Each season is different, so it is hard to predict what will happen with our crops. For example, in June we plan to have fresh strawberries, lettuce and greens. July will bring out fresh picked green beans, beets, sweet corn, tomatoes, blueberries and cucumbers, among many other things. Most of our products are produced using organic practices and all are Non-GMO propagated from seeds purchased from a "Safe Seed Pledge" distributor. Produce and products from other local farms that we sell in our own market are eligible to be chosen for your "box" each week, but Staehly Farm Winery wines and any other alcohol is not eligible.

What is the Payment Method?

Payment in full using Credit Card (MC, Visa or Discover), Cash, or Check is due with completed application. We will accept applications from November 13, 2016 until we are sold out. Purchases can be made mailed in to the farm, or completed online at <http://www.staehlys.com/csa-signup>

!!! SPECIAL OFFER !!!

Try Us!: We invite previous members of other CSA programs to try our program instead! We are excited to offer you the very best natural, non-GMO produce, and encourage you to try our CSA. Anyone who submits a copy of their 2016 CSA paperwork from a different farm and pays completely for a Full "We Grow" or "You Grow" will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the farm.