

Introducing Our CSA Farm

Becoming a Part of Our Nursery

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our garden and you. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become “members” of the CSA garden, and receive a portion of our harvest.

Our CSA runs for 16 weeks, from June to September. Members are responsible for showing up at Spring Bluff Nursery each week to pick up their share of freshly harvested produce (and/ or other goods). You will generally receive at least one half of a brown grocery bag (14”x 12”x 7”) of vegetables and sometimes fruits, with a full bag during peak weeks of the season.

Our Growing Practices

The garden at Spring Bluff Nursery has been and will continue to be grown and cared for without the use of synthetic pesticides or fertilizers, only OMRI approved products will be used in our gardens. OMRI or Organic Materials Review Institute is a nonprofit organization that provides an independent review of products intended for use in organic production.

Our hens and ducks have continuous access to the out doors and live with out antibiotics or growth hormones. They enjoy visitors, especially children who feed them.

The honey offered through our CSA is either made by bees foraging at the nursery or local to the area.

Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce, flowers, and even eggs may vary from week-to-week or month-to-month due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. By joining our CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other members. In the *unlikely* event of a crop failure, our procedure is as follows:

If only a small portion of crops fail, we compensate for the failed crops by filling you share with other crops grown on the nursery that are ready for harvest. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in a given week.

Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

Our members are offered the best produce from our garden, hand-selected and freshly harvested. When crops are especially abundant, we pack as much as possible into your share. When there is a surplus those varieties will be made available to members who can use them.

The Products We Expect Monthly

The Chart below outlines some of the vegetables and fruits we hope to deliver and when you might see them in our share. This is only an estimate of what could be ready for picking

Month Harvested	Expected Crops
April/May June to July	(April/May) Asparagus, (June/July) arugula, broccoli, spinach, kale, collards, cauliflower, chard, lettuce, radish, peas, green onion, napa cabbage, herbs, strawberries, turnips, kohlrabi, cabbage, carrots, beets
July to August	Tomato, herbs, zucchini, cantaloupe, carrots, peppers, tomatillos, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, potatoes, celery, raspberries, onions, pears, chard, kale, radish, turnip, beans, beets
September to October	Tomato, herbs turnip, winter squash, rutabaga, pumpkins, brussel sprouts, gourds, broccoli, cabbage, beets, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, beans, kale, chard, leeks, okra
November to December	Christmas trees, wreaths, garland roping

More fruit will be added as our trees mature.

Picking Up Shares

The pick-up site is:

Spring Bluff Nursery
41W130 Norris Road
Sugar Grove IL 60554

Pick Up Days:

Tuesdays from 2:30 to 6:00
Thursday from 2:30 to 6:00

You must sign up for either Tuesday or Thursday and stick with that day the entire season.

If you cannot pick-up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you.

You will be contacted by email each week of your pick up as a reminder and to let you know what is likely to be in your share that week. You will also receive an email about 3 weeks before the start date to let you know how things are going.

We hope to make this as convenient for you as we possibly can but know that sometimes you can be held up on pick-up day. If you are going to be late please call the nursery and leave a message for the garden manager, Colleen.

If we don't hear from you we will assume you won't be picking up that week and donate your share.

An end of the season "Gleaning" opportunity will be scheduled for all members. This is a great opportunity for your family to come out visit the gardens and get an extra week of vegetables.

Delivery option

Delivery is available within a 7 mile radius of Spring Bluff Nursery for an additional fee. Delivery only available for vegetable shares not for eggs, flowers etc. as listed on page 3. Shares for Batavia, North Aurora, West Aurora and Geneva are delivered on Tuesdays. Shares Kaneville, Elburn, Sugar Grove and Big Rock are delivered on Thursdays.

Time of drop-off to be determined but is generally in the afternoon. Delivered Shares will be pre-bagged.

Fee for the delivery option is \$90 for full shares and \$40 for half shares.

2017 Important Dates

Full shares will either start June 6th Tuesday and June 8th Thursday and continue for 16 weeks.
Half shares will start June 6th and June 8th or June 13th and June 15th and continue every other week.
Please note due to July 4th falling on a Tuesday that day's shares will be moved to Monday the 3rd.

Important Information

Any questions please contact the garden manager:

Garden Manager
Colleen Bott
Phone 630-466-4278
Email colleen@springbluffnursery.com

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By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated. I understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution from time to time, I understand that they will contact me via email in advance of any changes to this agreement.

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Member Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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Member Shares and Fees

By selling membership in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the grower.

Your membership fees provide us with money to purchase seed and equipment early, and we appreciate your commitment.

We offer a discount of \$40.00 per full share and \$20.00 per half share for payment received by March 15th.

Please note half shares have an every other week pick up schedule.

Circle your choice please:

Pick-up day: Tuesday Thursday

Share Type	Share Duration	Details	Price
Full Share Produce	16 Weeks	Pick up every week beginning June.	\$525 Pick up Add \$90 for delivery within zone
Full Share Eggs	16 Weeks	Pick up every week beginning June. Only available to those purchasing a full share of produce. Limited	\$80 Pick up only No Delivery
Full Share Cut Flowers	7 Weeks	Pick up with produce when flowers are available. Only available to those purchasing a full share of produce. Limited	\$49 Pick up only No Delivery
Half Share Produce	8 Weeks	Pick up is every other week. Begins the first or second week of the season and continues until 8 weeks of produce is distributed.	\$265 Pick up Add \$40 for delivery within zone
Half Share Eggs	8 Weeks	Can be purchased with full or half share produce. Limited	\$40 Pick up only No Delivery
Half Share Cut Flowers	4 Weeks	Pick up with produce when flowers are available.	\$28 Pick up only No Delivery
Honey		2/ 1 pound shares Limited	\$20.50 per 2/# jars Can deliver with veg share
Pumpkin	September or October	Any size your choice	\$10 Pick up only No Delivery
Christmas Tree	November or December	Any size	\$50 Pick up only No Delivery
Asparagus	April- May	Call for availability and purchase in the spring (March or April)	\$3.50/# Pick up only No Delivery