## **Spring Bluff Nursery 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 has shares for 16 weeks and 18 weeks with an option of a half share or full share veggie lovers. Both start in June and end in either September for the 16 week option or October for the 18 week option. 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). With a half share you will generally receive one half of a brown grocery bag (14" x 12" x 7") of vegetables and sometimes fruits. With the full share veggie lovers you will generally receive one full brown grocery bag of vegetables and sometimes fruits.

#### **Our Growing Practices**

The gardens at Spring Bluff Nursery have 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 have continuous access to the outdoors and live without 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 your 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 your share. This is only an estimate of what could be ready for picking

Month HarvestedExpected CropsApril/MayAsparagusJune to Julybroccoli, spinach, kale, collards, cauliflower, chard, lettuce, radish, peas, green onion, napa cabbage, herbs, strawberries, raspberries, turnips, kohlrabi, cabbage, carrots, beetsJuly to AugustTomatoes, herbs, zucchini, cantaloupe, watermelon, carrots, peppers, tomatillos, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, potatoes, celery, onions, pears, chard, kale, radish, beans, beetsSeptember to OctoberTomatoes, peppers, herbs, turnips, radish, onions, winter squash, pumpkins, brussels sprouts, broccoli, cabbage, beets, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, beans, kale, chard, lettuce, spinach, leeks, okra, raspberries

#### **Picking Up Shares**

The pick-up site is:

Spring Bluff Nursery 41W130 Norris Road Sugar Grove IL 60554

Pick Up and Delivery Days:

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

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

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 or miss your pick up, please email or call and we will try to accommodate you and make other pick up arrangements for that particular day. If we don't hear from you we will assume you aren't picking up that week and donate your share. If a Tuesday or Thursday pick up is not possible other arrangements may be made, contact the garden manager for information. This option is limited.

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

#### **Delivery option**

Delivery within 7 miles of Spring Bluff Nursery is \$128 for 16 week shares or \$144 for 18 week shares. Delivery within 10 miles of Spring Bluff Nursery is \$184 for 16 week shares or \$207 for 18 week shares.

Shares for Batavia, North Aurora, West Aurora and Geneva are delivered on Tuesdays. Shares for 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.

## **2023 Important Dates**

Full share veggie lovers and half shares will both start on Tuesday June 6th and Thursday June 8th and continue for either 16 or 18 weeks.

# **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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# **Mark Choices and Return This Page**

### **Member Shares and Fees**

By selling memberships 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 \$25.00 per full share veggie lovers and \$15.00 per half share for payment received by March 15th.

Please mark your choices below:  Pick-up day: □ Tuesday □ Thursday □ Delivery				
☐ Full Share Veggie Lovers	□16 Weeks □18 Weeks	Pick up every week beginning in June. You will receive about one full brown paper bag containing 10 + items	16 Weeks-\$640 Pick up Delivery 7 miles \$128 Delivery 10 miles \$184 18 Weeks-\$720 Pick up Delivery 7 miles \$144 Delivery 10 miles \$207	
☐ Half Share Produce	□16 Weeks □18 Weeks	Pick up every week beginning in June. You will receive about one half of a brown paper bag containing 5 + items	16 Weeks-\$340 Pick up Delivery 7 miles \$128 Delivery 10 miles \$184 18 Weeks-\$390 Pick up Delivery 7 miles \$144 Delivery 10 miles \$207	
☐ Egg Share	☐16 Weeks	Pick up every week beginning June. Limited Availability	Sold Out	
☐ Flower Share	9 Weeks	Pick up with produce when flowers are available. Limited Availability	\$110	
☐ Honey		2/ 1-pound jars Limited	\$32	
☐ Pumpkin	September or October	Any size your choice	\$10 Pick up	
☐ Asparagus	April- May	Call for availability and purchase in the spring (March or April)	\$4.50/# Pick up only No Delivery Pay at pick up	