



## Crop Share FAQs

### **What does CSA mean?**

CSA stands for “Community Supported Agriculture”. CSA is a way for the local farmers and community to come together and support each other. We, the farmers are marketing and growing our produce just for you, the community. Being a “member” of the farm means that you are supporting your local farmer by purchasing an annual crop share of produce. It is our intention to connect with each of our members during weekly pick-ups, classes, and annual harvest celebrations.

### **How does the CSA at Wildwood Family Farms work?**

Members of the farm will receive weekly distributions of produce from early June to mid-October. Many of our greenhouse grown crops may be ready by the end of May. The quantity and variety of each week’s share will vary from week to week and month to month depending on the time of year and the weather. Members should understand that by being a member of Wildwood Family Farms, they are supporting and strengthening the local food supply. By joining you are saying that you are willing to share in the risks inherent in farming. In the event of a crop failure, you will receive less. In the event of a bumper year, you will share in the abundance.

### **What will be included in my share?**

As said above, the quantity and variety of each week’s share will vary from week to week and month to month depending on the time of year and the weather. A “share” typically feeds a family of 4, but that of course is dependent on how much produce your family eats each day/week. Please understand that if you and your family eat vegetables in each and every meal you have during the week, you will need to supplement by going to the farmer’s market, etc. Adjusting to new varieties of vegetables and new cooking techniques can be very challenging. We encourage members to share their share with neighbors and family members or attend one of our classes to learn about preservation techniques (canning, freezing, etc.). We offer weekly recipes in our weekly emails. Other recipes will be available on the website and in newsletters during the season. During a typical mid-summer week you could receive several mid to large sized tomatoes, a small basket of grape or cherry tomatoes, 1 large summer squash, 1 large zucchini, an onion, a few peppers, 1 cucumber, okra, cabbage, several different types of greens (we rotate each week), several different herbs, etc. We often have a “pick 2”, or “pick 3” option where you can make a choice of what vegetable you would like.

### **Pick-up details**

When CSA pick-up begins (typically early June), the farm is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for CSA pick-up. \*12-6 beginning in September\*. Presently, we divide and pre-pack the produce for our members. However, this pre-packing process could change at any given time depending on how many members join each year. We do package some of the produce in plastic produce bags and baskets. We ask that members recycle these bags by returning them each week. Most importantly, we ask that members arrive by the 6 p.m. pick-up time. The farm is our home, and our children are eager to have dinner with us after CSA pick-up each week! If a member is unable to pick-up their share for the week we do ask that they contact us (by Monday of that week) for alternate pick-up arrangements, or to tell us to pass their share onto a friend or simply distribute their produce to the other members for that week. We appreciate consideration in these matters, as we hate to see our produce go to waste.