

Greensgrow Farms
City Supported Agriculture
2011 Season Membership Information and Contract

Thank you for your interest in Greensgrow Farms' 2011 CSA! Here you will find a description of our share, the particulars of belonging to our CSA, and a few sample shares to give you an idea of the kind of produce you will receive each month. If you would like to become a member, mail or drop off a signed copy of the Agreement and Registration Form with your deposit or full payment to our office at 2503 E. Firth St. Philadelphia, PA 19125. If you have any questions, contact us at (215) 380-4355 or csa@greengrow.org.

Your CSA Share

We put a lot of thought into what goes into our share, and over the past 9 years, we have fine-tuned our offerings according to members' input. We provide a balance of old favorites and new, exciting items to try. We won't overwhelm you with a volume of unusual vegetables that you cannot use, and we try not to give you one thing too many times. If you find something you love – since quite frankly, not everything is consistently available in the quantities we need – it may not make it into the share again, but you'll be able to purchase it at our farm stand if it is to be found and fresh.

In the share each week, members will receive:

- A seasonal assortment (5-8 items) of locally grown, fresh vegetables and 2 fruits from rural farms and orchards we work with
- A locally produced cheese product. Some favorites include LeRaysville's Garlic Cheddar, Shellbark Hollow Farm's fresh chevre, and Mancuso's handmade mozzarella from South Philly
- Another dairy/protein option. Your choice of:
 - 2 cups of Pequea Valley Yogurt
 - ½ lb. Amish-style butter
 - 1 dozen eggs (cage-free and antibiotic-free)
 - 12 oz. Michael's Savory Seitan made in Florence, NJ
 - Local certified kosher and organic tofu from Fresh Tofu in Allentown, PA
- A minimum of 3 times during the season, you'll receive \$5 worth of Greensgrow Bucks, which you can use at our farm market to pick and choose your own selection of produce, cheese, meat, etc. – whatever your hungry heart desires

In the share throughout the season, sometimes you'll receive:

- A loaf of fresh baked bread from a local bakery like Metropolitan or Slow Rise
- Apple cider from a local orchard
- Local Philadelphia honey
- Fresh pasta
- Greensgrow's prepared dips and sauces, such as arugula pesto and basil pesto
- An assortment of locally prepared foods
- A favorite amongst everyone: Philadelphia Brewing Co. Beer produced here in Kensington

Full Share vs. Half Share Option

The full share is not for everyone. Some of you may eat out more often or want a break from cooking. The half share option is well suited to many one-person households. With a half share, you'll get the same amount of food as a full share, but you'll pick up every other week. We'll let you know when your starts date is, and whether you should be picking up on Week A or Week B.

Sample Shares

Below are a few real examples of shares taken from last season. They'll give you an idea of what to expect as the share goes on:

June	August	September	November
1 DiBruno Bros. Cheese Spread	1 piece Cherry Grove Farms Herdsman	1 piece Cherry Grove Farms Herdsman	1 cheese of your choice
Choice of 1 dairy item	Choice of 1 dairy item	Choice of dairy	Choice of dairy
1 bunch beets	1 watermelon	2 butternut squash	2 acorn squash
1 bunch kale or collards	1 bunch beets	1 head bok choy	1 stalk Brussels sprouts
1 quart strawberries	3 gold zucchini	1.25 lbs. heirloom tomatoes	1 bottle Harvest from the Hood Ale
1 bunch asparagus	2 red or candy onions	2 lbs. potatoes	2 lbs. apples
1 head broccoli	1 bunch collard greens	1 lb. green beans	1/3 lb. garlic
1 bunch rhubarb	4 red peppers	5 yellow peaches	1 bunch carrots, beets, or radishes
½ pound snap peas	1 lb. grapes	5 Asian pears	1 bulb fennel
1 bunch spring onions	2 lbs. heirloom tomatoes	1 box spring mix	1 bunch kale
4 zucchini	Hot and sweet peppers		1 head lettuce
1 bunch mint			

Work Share Option

Each season we make a few work share spots available. For a reduced price on the CSA, work shares help us get shares ready, stock the CSA table, and whatever else needs to be done around here. Plan to schedule 9 4-hour shifts – 36 hours in all – of work on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. In order to become a work share, you must attend one of the two work share orientations. They are tentatively scheduled for the end of April/beginning of May. Work share schedules will be completed at orientations, so you'll know in advance how to plan around your shifts. In exchange, the full share will cost \$575 (there is no half share option for work shares). Returning work share members get first dibs. To learn more about becoming a work share, please contact us.

Cost and Payment

A full share (24 weeks) costs \$775 (\$32.30/week) and a half share (13 weeks) costs \$435 (\$33.45/week). You have 2 choices when you pay: Pay the full amount in 1 payment or pay in 3 installments. If you pay in 3 installments, please only include your first payment with the application. Payments may be submitted in cash or check. If you pay in cash, you will receive a dated receipt when you pay. **We do not accept credit cards as payment for CSA shares** – this is one way we keep the share cost the same year to year. On the application, you will notice a spot for credit card information. We ask for this information in the event that you are 30 days delinquent on your payment. Again, we can't accept credit cards for CSA payments, so you must include cash or check with your application.

Thursday or Saturday Pick-Up?

You tell us – but speak now or forever hold your peace, 'cause it's one day or the other. You can't switch back and forth. Thursday's great if you like to cook on the weekend or travel a lot on weekends. Saturday's nice if you know you'll always be stuck at work late on Thursday or would like to turn your farm visits into a more casual, bring-a-friend sort of experience. **Pick-up hours are 2pm-7pm Thursdays and 10am-3pm Saturdays.**

Pick-Ups

The CSA season is 25 weeks long, beginning on Thursday, May 26 (barring extreme weather) and ending Saturday, November 12. Pick-up is at the farm, 2501 E. Cumberland St. **You are responsible for arranging the pick-up of your share on your chosen pick-up day.** We will provide a Google group for those interested in sharing rides, swapping pick-ups, or swapping contents of the share. **We cannot grant occasional switches from Thursday to Saturday, so please don't ask.** Please familiarize yourself ahead of time with other members in your neighborhood so that when the inevitable happens, you have another option for getting your share (or warn a friend or neighbor who owes you one). **If there is an emergency and you are unable to pick up, PLEASE contact us by phone ASAP.** We are often asked if we can deliver CSA shares. The answer is no, because all of our staff are busy with tasks that take place at the farm.

Vacation Week

We know there will be times when you need to escape to the beach, mountains, or a family affair. That's why **all full shares and work shares must take one "vacation week" when you do not pick up your share.** To be clear, although the CSA season is 25 weeks long, you will only pick up 24 shares. We ask that you **let us know 2 weeks in advance** when you will take your vacation week so that we may adjust our ordering accordingly.

Newsletter and Recipe Database

With 2 "reformed" chefs and amateur cooks from BBQ experts to vegans on staff, we have no shortage of recipes and food advice for you. Each week you'll receive a newsletter tailored to that week's share. We'll send it to you via email and post it in PDF format on our website. The newsletter is full of recipes for unusual items and new ideas for old standbys. We'll also give you info on how to store and prepare your food and a little background on its origins. We'll let you know which items to use first so you don't miss the opportunity to enjoy more perishable items. We also compile the last season's recipes into our Online Recipe Database so that you're never without ideas. Use the database to search for whatever ingredient you may have on hand to pull up recipes calling for that item.

Come Party with the Greensgrow Crew!

Each year, we host an Opening Party and Orientation for new and returning members. This gives you a chance to see the farm, meet other members, share some local food with us, and learn the pick-up routine. This year, the party will be held at the farm on Thursday, May 19. We'll send out more details as the date approaches.

If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering at Greensgrow, please contact us at volunteers@greengrow.org. During the season, there is an endless amount of weeding, planting, picking, and marketing to be done. We always appreciate an extra pair of hands. Contact us in advance so that we can schedule time together. **Please note that volunteering is not a mandatory part of joining the CSA!**

What Makes Our CSA Special

- Our CSA includes items besides produce (pasta, dairy, breads, dips, etc). The share mimics the way people actually cook and eat, rather than providing just one of the food groups. We've often used the tagline "restaurant-quality" to describe our share, because many members recognize farm names and products from trendy restaurants in town that advertise the fact that they source locally.
- You pick up at an urban farm. Each week you'll get a chance to observe a working urban farm in action while creating relationships with the Greensgrow staff and like-minded neighbors.
- You can shop at our farm stand and nursery while picking up your share. In addition to the CSA, we carry a quality selection of produce, pastured and grass-fed meats, artisan cheeses, breads, locally produced goods, and plants galore.
- You are supporting other initiatives of the Greensgrow Philadelphia Project, such as education programs, our community commercial kitchen project, and the LIFE Program (a low-income CSA).

A few final words of wisdom: The CSA is not for everyone. That's why we have a farm stand. If you know that you hate trying new things, or you jet-set out of town every weekend, or you are just too addicted to eating out, you'll probably be much happier visiting our farm stand and picking out what you know you'll use. The same items that we put into the CSA share are usually available for sale that day at the farm stand.

Greensgrow Farms
2011 CSA
Agreement and Registration Form

*****Office Use Only*****

Name _____
Number _____
Returning ___ New ___
Cash ___ Check ___ Ck # ___
\$ _____ Pay Date _____
Full ___ Half ___ Work ___

Conditions and Cost

Greensgrow Farms agrees to gather shares of fresh, local goods every week for all CSA members for the weeks they are registered during the 2011 season beginning May 26, 2011. Each weekly share will include items stipulated on the attached information sheet. It is possible that some crops will partially or wholly fail due to adverse weather conditions or pests. Greensgrow Farms will try its best to replace lost crops with suitable substitutes.

Full Share: 24 weeks for \$775 (\$32.30/week)
(\$33.45/week)

Half Share: 13 weeks costs \$435

Work Share: 24 weeks for \$575 (\$23.90/week)

****Work Share requires minimum 36 hours scheduled work on farm during course of 2011 CSA season****

Payment can be made in full or in 3 installments (see terms below). **Payment by cash or check ONLY.** Please make checks payable to Greensgrow Farms and **include the name of the main contact person on all checks.** Credit card numbers are collected as a back-up for unpaid balances. We will charge your credit card if your balance is 30 days delinquent.

Pick-up at the farm will be on **Thursdays from 2pm-7pm or Saturdays from 10am-3pm.** Members agree to pick up their share (or arrange for someone else to pick up for them) during these times or else forfeit the share that week. Greensgrow's CSA will run for 25 weeks, beginning Thursday, May 26, 2011 and ending Saturday, November 12, 2011. **Full share and Work Share members are required to take one "VACATION WEEK" where they do not pick up a share.** Please notify csa@greengrow.org 2 weeks in advance of your intended vacation week.

Account Name: Your account will be established under the name of the main contact person. If you are sharing a share, include the email addresses of all other non-household adults involved (see next page). Greensgrow does NOT share our contact list with outside parties.

Main Contact _____ **Phone Number** _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Your credit card will not be charged unless payments are not received within 30 days of their due date.

Account Credit Card VISA ___ Master Card ___

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____ **Exp** _____ **Security Code** _____

Email Addresses: Please include the email address of the main contact person and other members who would like to receive the weekly newsletter.

Main Email _____

Other email(s) _____

Pick-Up Day: You must choose **EITHER** Thursday **OR** Saturday for the whole season.

*****You CANNOT choose your pick-up day on a weekly basis*****

Thursday Pick-up (2pm-7pm) _____ Saturday Pick-up (10am-3pm) _____

Have you participated in Greensgrow's Summer or Winter CSA before? _____ When? _____

If not, how did you learn about Greensgrow? _____

Payment Terms (indicate ONE):

FULL SHARE (24 weeks)

____ Full payment enclosed (\$775)

____ **1st payment enclosed (\$259)**

____ 2nd payment due July 11 (\$258)

____ 3rd payment due September 12 (\$258)

HALF SHARE (13 weeks)

____ Full payment enclosed (\$435)

____ **1st payment enclosed (\$145)**

____ 2nd payment due July 11 (\$145)

____ 3rd payment due September 12 (\$145)

WORK SHARE (24 weeks)

____ Full payment enclosed (\$575)

____ **1st payment enclosed (\$192)**

____ 2nd payment due July 11 (\$192)

____ 3rd payment due September 12 (\$191)

____ **I would like to donate to LIFE, Greensgrow's low-income CSA/food education program.**

Donation amount \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: _____

Contract

I wish to join the Greensgrow CSA for the 2011 Season. I have read and understand the conditions above. If for any valid reason I must cancel this agreement, I must contact Greensgrow **in writing** (email or U.S. mail) **within 30 days of the first pick-up to receive a pro-rated refund.** No "I told some girl at the farm" ways of going about it.

- I agree to check my name on the sign-in sheet before each pick-up and only take what is allotted in that week's share as described in the newsletter and/or "Your Share This Week" signs.
- I agree to adhere to pick-up times on my scheduled pick-up days. I understand that failure to pick up my share during pick-up time on my scheduled day constitutes forfeiture of that share.
- I agree to make payments in a timely manner and understand that if I do not pay within 30 days of a payment due date, my credit card will be charged for the total of that payment.
- I understand that **this is a binding contract** and **I must pay in full** the total cost of the share I am choosing.

Signature _____

Send or deliver a copy of this form (keep a copy of your records) and payment to:

Greensgrow Farms

Attn: CSA

2503 E. Firth St. Philadelphia, PA 19125

If you have any questions, please contact us at 215-380-4355 or csa@greengrow.org.