



Cedar Edge Farm - 2009 CSA Program Overview

The purpose of this document is to outline the specifics of how the program will work for the 2009 season and the agreement the farm and CSA member are making. If you have any questions or would like to contact the farm, email Jacqueline:

jkocab@cedaredgefarm.com or call the farm at 401-294-6306.

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in Cedar Edge Farm's 2009 CSA program. Cedar Edge is a family-run organic farm. Our produce is available at farmers' markets, our farm stand, and through our CSA program. By joining the CSA, you'll be getting the freshest, healthiest produce available while supporting a local, organic, family-run farm. Over the course of the season, you'll be purchasing your produce at a discount as compared to buying from us at farmers' markets. In addition, CSA members support their community and the environment by buying produce grown right here in Rhode Island. We, the farmers, benefit by having a guaranteed market for a portion of our produce and by receiving income that coincides with start-up costs.

In a CSA, members and farmers together share both the bounty and risks of farming. While we strive to grow a wide variety of crops for our CSA customers, every season brings challenges. In the case of unforeseen or unavoidable acts of nature and/or seed failure, some planned crops may not be available in a given season. That having been said, the following list represents some of the produce you may expect to see over the course of the season: lettuces and greens of many types, cabbage, broccoli, peas, beans, strawberries, potted and cut herbs, beets, onions, summer squashes, winter squashes, melons, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, radishes and more. If you have specific questions about what we grow, don't hesitate to contact us.

CSA members may choose to enjoy other benefits, including:

- Discount on our organic vegetable starts and potted herbs (10% off retail).
- Invitations to farm tours during the growing season
- Occasional email newsletter with recipes, farm news, pictures, and happenings. (Be sure to include your email address on the enrollment form in order to receive the newsletter. We do not share or sell email addresses under any circumstances.)
- Volunteer opportunities for those who would like to experience farming first-hand.

Weekly Shares

Each week CSA members receive a share of the farm's produce. The volume and variety of each week's share will change over the course of the eighteen-week season, which begins the first week in June. A spring share might include strawberries, lettuce, greens, peas, beets and radishes, with beans, zucchini, summer squash, and cucumbers to follow. Late July and August are the peak of the season and bring eggplant, tomatoes, peppers and melons as major crops. Fall crops include winter squashes and the return of cool-weather crops like lettuce, greens, peas, and beets. Although the composition of the weekly shares varies, there will be a wide variety of produce each week. Fruits we grow are strawberries, watermelons, cantaloupes, and other vine melons. We do not grow orchard crops, blueberries, or corn at this time. From time to time we may offer one or more of these for purchase to our CSA members picking up at the farm. For example, in 2008 we partnered with a local blueberry grower to offer premium local berries to our members.

Distribution of Shares

- Members (full or single share) picking up their shares at the farm in Johnston will choose their shares from produce displayed at the stand. There will be weekly guidelines about the quantity of each type of produce to ensure equitable distribution, but members will be able to tailor their weekly share much more than if they were receiving a pre-packed box. Pick-up days at the farm are Tuesdays from 2:30-6 or Thursdays from 2:30-6, member's choice.
- Members (full or single share) picking up their shares at the Richmond Farmers Market will receive their share pre-packed and may pick them up Saturdays from 9:00-10:30.
- All members are responsible for collecting their shares each week; unclaimed shares cannot be held at the farm or carried over from week to week. If you will not be able to make it to the farm or market on your pick-up day, you may designate someone to come in your place provided you notify us by email or phone 24 hours in advance. Cedar Edge Farm donates excess produce to local food banks.



Share Size and Pricing

Members should choose share size with their consumption of produce in mind; what serves one family of four may be the same as what is consumed by an individual or couple who has a plant-based diet. The share composition and size will vary over the course of the season as it reflects the seasonal harvest from June through October. It is our goal to provide the best variety of produce we can to our CSA members.

- A full share is suitable for a family or vegetarian couple. The cost for a full share for the 2009 season is \$600 for 18 weeks.
- A single share is suitable for an individual or couple whose vegetable and fruit consumption is average. The cost for a single share for the 2009 season is \$375.

Enrollment and Payment

To enroll in Cedar Edge Farm's CSA program, complete and sign the enrollment form, and send it with your \$100 deposit to the address indicated. Your deposit secures your spot as a CSA member and is non-refundable. Enrollment is on a rolling basis until the program is full for the season. Accounts must be paid in full prior to receiving distribution of produce shares; Cedar Edge Farm is not responsible for replacing shares missed due to late payment.

Payment of the remaining balance (\$500 for full shares, \$275 for single shares) may be made in one of three ways:

A: Payment in full of balance by March 1st, 2009 or included with enrollment application. Full shares deduct \$50 and single shares deduct \$35 **if making full payment by March 1st.**

B: Payment of half the balance by March 1st, 2009, or upon enrollment, and remaining balance by May 1st, 2009.

The enrollment deposit is non-refundable. Refunds of payments made on the balance, less a 10% fee, may be made at the sole discretion of Cedar Edge Farm under special circumstances at the request of the member before May 1st, 2009. (Given a situation of unanticipated financial hardship on the part of a member, the farm does not wish to be unreasonable. On the other hand, the nature of the business of farming is such that planning and purchasing are done prior to the growing season based on expected produce yield requirements. These expenses are not refundable to the farm.)

Cedar Edge Farm, LLC
2009 CSA Program
Enrollment Form

Name _____

Address _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If enrolling and making payment in full by March 1st:

Share size: _____ Full (\$550) _____ Single (\$340)

Payment plan (see *Enrollment and Payment*): _____ A _____ B

If enrolling or completing payment after March 1st:

Share size: _____ Full (\$600) _____ Single (\$375)

Payment plan (see *Enrollment and Payment*): _____ A _____ B

Pick-up day/location: _____ Tues. (farm) _____ Thurs. (farm) _____ Sat. (RFM)

How did you hear about Cedar Edge Farm? _____

How did you hear about our CSA Program? _____

I have read the 2009 CSA Program Overview and agree to the terms outlined therein. I would like to enroll as a member of Cedar Edge Farm's 2009 CSA Program as indicated by my selections on this enrollment form. I have enclosed the \$100 non-refundable deposit to reserve my place as a member for the 2009 season. I understand that as a CSA member, I share in both the benefits and risks of the season. I will not hold Cedar Edge Farm, LLC, liable for crop losses (and therefore share losses) due to unforeseen or unavoidable acts of nature such as damage due to weather, pests, disease, drought, seed failure, or other risks inherent in growing crops.

(signature)

(print name)

(date)

Mail the completed enrollment form and send it along with your \$100 deposit to: Cedar Edge Farm, 11 Indian Corner Rd., Saunterstown, RI 02874. We will return a copy of the signed form to you along with confirmation of enrollment.