



Whole Circle Farm

What is Community Shared Agriculture (CSA)?

It's a partnership between farmers & consumers, by purchasing shares CSA Members pledge their support towards the farm's seasonal operating budget in the beginning of the season. In return members receive a weekly portion of the farm's harvest. Members share the risks of farming (i.e. poor harvests due to unfavorable weather) as well as the bounty of the harvest.

Whole Circle Farm offers both Summer and Winter CSA programs. The Summer CSA begins when the first Spring crops are ready, usually mid-June, and lasts until November. Between November and March, Winter CSA members receive bi-weekly shares of flavourful produce from our root cellar.

How does it work?

When you sign up for your shares, you can select a preferred weekly pick-up day and location. Options include:

- *Farm Pick Up* – Pick up your share on the farm (located between Acton and Rockwood - address on Registration Form below)
- *Guelph Pick Up* – Pick up your share outside the Unitarian Church (122 Harris St)
- *Georgetown Pick Up* – Pick up your share at the Georgetown farmers' market

How much food is in a share?

Whole Circle Farm now offers two share sizes that can be combined to suit your own needs. A Full Share is suited for a family or 2 vegetable loving adults. A Half Share is suited for a small family, couple or a vegetable loving adult. We can generally accommodate subscription changes during the season if you find that your share quantity is more or less than you want.

What if I want to take a vacation? What happens to my veggies?

Accounting for vacations, members pre-pay for 20 weeks of vegetables and may pick them up over a 21 week period, this affords members a weeks grace period whenever desired to take a vacation. If no time is taken off members may pickup 21 weeks of veggies!

What else is part of the Whole Circle Farm CSA membership?

- Pick-your-own veggies, cherry tomatoes, flower & herb garden
- Farm newsletter with recipes and farm updates
- Seasonal celebrations, workshops and potlucks for CSA members
- Opportunities to work in the garden and help with harvest
- An open invitation to come and visit the garden and farm animals

What kinds of vegetables are included in a Share box?

Produce selection varies with the season and the farmer's discretion. Over the season shares include salad greens, asian greens, onions, spinach, broccoli, peas, kohlrabi, carrots, kale, beets, garlic scapes, corn, potatoes, herbs, squash, arugula, cabbage, eggplants, peppers, garlic, parsnips, beans, tomatoes, zucchini, leeks, and cucumbers, to name just a few!

We also have a Flour CSA!

Members of the Flour CSA may pickup their share on the same dates, times and locations as the veggie CSA. You would get 1Kg flour of your choice for 20 weeks (multiple shares can be purchased). Choose from Spelt, Rye or Wheat.

Not ready to make a CSA membership commitment?

Anyone may shop at the Whole Circle Farm Store, which is open year round or the Georgetown farmers' market. Stop by at your convenience to purchase from our seasonal selection of garden produce, maple syrup, honey, beef, pork, lamb, and eggs.

Early Bird Discount

If we receive your registration form and payment before March 31st, 2010 then you can apply a 5% discount for any share combination you create!

