



2018 “Everything We Grow” CSA Farm Shares

What is a CSA? Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) has become a great way for local farmers to provide fresh produce to the local community and for members of the community to support local farms. The concept has been in existence in the US and Europe since the 1980s. By participating in a CSA, customers become dedicated to sustaining the farm by supplying capital for start-up expenses, (farm labor, seeds, potting soil, greenhouse supplies, stakes, etc.) that need to be paid before the first crop is harvested. By supporting the farm, members share in the farm’s bounty as well as the risks involved.

What we offer our members. Our "Everything we grow" share offers high quality freshly picked vegetables; raspberries, blackberries, blueberries and strawberries (you pick or select pre-picked); fresh herbs and cut-flowers (you cut or we will cut for you), and dried flowers & herbs - all grown on our farm. Plus our own jams, vinegars, and more. Instead of letting us decide what you will receive each week, we would like *you* to choose. Members will be able to choose what’s in their share anytime the farm store is open instead of during select hours on select days. Going away for vacation? Skip the week. Having a get-together and need more than usual? Not a problem. We debit the total dollar value of your weekly purchases from what you paid us at the beginning of the season and inform you of the balance each visit. In addition, you will receive an emailed newsletter with information about what is expected to be harvested to help you plan your meals, and what we are planting. A wide variety of old and new recipes are available on the recipe door.

When will our season begin and end? This all depends on when spring arrives, however, we expect to open in May with asparagus and other early vegetables. Strawberries will begin in early June, raspberries at the beginning of July, followed soon after with blackberries, blueberries, herbs, cut flowers and more vegetables. We will be closing for the 2018 season at the end of the day on Sunday September 16. We will have winter squash available before we close. The following 2 days, in the late afternoon and early evening, we will be open for CSA members only to come pick berries, cut flowers and herbs and take whatever vegetables we have left – at no additional cost.

What does it cost? We offer four share levels that we hope will fit your needs: \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100. Each share will receive an additional 5% in produce. Your share may or may not last the entire season depending on how you choose to use it. You must use up all your credit by the end of the season, or else you lose it. If this is your first time, err on the conservative side. You can still shop at the farm after you have used up your account. It is better to run out early, than having unspent money left at the end of the season.

How do I sign up? To sign up, fill out the enrollment form and mail it along with your check, payable to Raspberry Knoll Farm LLC. You will be notified when we receive it. As the season begins, you will be notified when we expect our first products to be ready.

Thank you for your support!