

What is a CSA?

CSA stands for “Community Supported Agriculture”, which is a form of mutual partnership between farmers and consumers. Rather than go through several layers of middle men, consumers make a commitment to directly support an individual farm by providing money for their yearly operating budget. In exchange they receive a dividend of the freshest produce possible. Each supporter buys a “share” of the farm (not unlike a share of stock) and takes on some of the risks and benefits of growing food along with the farmer. CSA’s are not about getting discounted produce, nor are they cooperatives. However, Snead’s Farm CSA will strive to be unsurpassed in the combination of value, quality, freshness, and variety of items offered with the least amount of risk possible. Snead’s Farm will continue to offer fresh produce at our roadside stand in combination with fresh produce from C&T Produce (in Stafford County) and The Canning Farm (in King George) in order to triple the variety of items offered. This will be carried through to Snead’s Farm CSA. CSA’s are a unique way for people to have a better knowledge of the food they put in their bodies and the process, people, and land it takes to produce it.

Shares:

Members buy a share of the 2012 season output of Snead’s Farm CSA and pick up a weekly share of goods at Snead’s Farm starting Wednesday, May 2nd through Wednesday, August 29th 2012. Also two more pick-ups: October 3rd (12 fall items) and December 1st for a white pine Christmas tree. You can also upgrade to a blue spruce for forty dollars more. Shares are limited in number and are on a first come first serve basis. A share consists of a minimum of six “items” of seasonal fruits and/or vegetables provided weekly. The size of the “items” will vary from a pound, a half pint, a quart, a number of vegetables, a dozen or a half dozen. The size of the share will vary based on the yield of vegetables, hens, berry plants, and orchard, which depends on the forces of nature, however, at Snead’s Farm, C&T produce, and Canning Farm we have such a large number of different crops (40) that enough shall come to fruition to afford everyone a good supply of something. Everything we grow here at Snead’s Farm can be irrigated.

Produce List:

In order of appearance from May through December: Free Range Chicken Eggs, asparagus, sweet potatoes, sugar snap peas, strawberries, greens, lettuce, radishes, snow peas, broccoli and cauliflower, purple top turnips, Swiss chard, red raspberries, squash, beets, red and green cabbage, bok choy, kohlrabi, grape tomatoes, blackberries, onions, potatoes, peaches, string beans, sugar and spice sweet corn, ambrosia cantaloupes, sugar babies and seedless watermelons, tall tunnel tomatoes, peppers, egg plant, okra, apples, concord grapes, pick your own pumpkins, straw bales, butternut squash, acorn squash, and cut or dig your own white pine Christmas

trees. This list is not a guarantee of or when all the produce you will receive, but rather is intended to give you an idea about what could be coming during the year based on ideal weather conditions.

Payment:

This season's twenty week membership of \$600 will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis until we have reached maximum capacity. There will be a 10% discount for the 2012 season if payment is received by November 1st 2011. After November 1st, 2011, membership payments will be the full amount of \$600.

Pick Up:

Pick-up is every Wednesday at the roadside stand from 10:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M except for May and most of June (at the carport). If you know that you will be missing your pick up your options are: have someone pick it up for you or simply forgo your share of the week. Cash refunds or share replacements will not be offered for any missed pickups. Please know that you are welcome to visit, picnic, stroll around the farm, see the farm animals (chickens, horses, llamas, calves, dogs and cats) and also see where your fruits and vegetables are grown on pick-up day.

How to Join:

To join Snead's Farm CSA for the 2012 growing season, please download and print out this form then send it in with your payment to: Emmett Snead, 18294 Tidewater Trail, Fredericksburg VA 22408. Please make your check of \$540 (includes 10% discount) to be received by November 1st 2011 payable to Emmett Snead. After November 1st the membership fee will be \$600.

Name; if more than one family is sharing a share please list just one name that both families will use:

Address:

Phone Number:

Read and sign below:

I understand that my membership payment entitles me to a weekly share of goods harvested for the CSA during the 2012 growing season from Snead's Farm, C&T Produce, and The Canning Farm. I understand that this is a community supported venture and although the growers are committed to the best of their ability to provide

high quality produce, there are risks in agriculture which need to be shared by the whole community. I am responsible for the picking up of my produce during scheduled pickup hours on Wednesday. No special arrangements can be made if I do not pick up my box on time. I am also responsible for reading the CSA newsletters which are posted on the Snead's Farm website at www.sneadsfarm.com . I have read and understand the information in this booklet and agree to the details of membership outlined herein:

Signature/Date: _____

This is a list of what 2011 CSA members received through August 31st 2011. This could be used as an example of what you might get in 2012.

- 5/4/11- \$15 gift certificate to The Sunken Well Tavern, 1 bunch of onions, 1 bunch of radishes, ½ dozen eggs, and 3 pounds of asparagus. 9 items
- 5/11/11- 2 quarts of strawberries, 2 heads of lettuce, ½ dozen eggs, 2 pints of sugar snap peas, \$25 gift card to Fresca. 12 items
- 5/18/11- 2 quarts of strawberries, 1 bunch of beets, 2 pints of sugar snap peas, 2 pints of snow peas, 2 pounds of asparagus, 1 head of lettuce. 10 items
- 5/25/11- 1 bag of yellow squash, 1 bag of green squash, ½ dozen eggs, 1 head of Swiss chard, 1 head of lettuce, 6 pints of snow peas, 2 pints of sugar snap peas. 13 items
- 6/1/11- 1 bag of white potatoes, 1 bag of red tomatoes, 1 bag of squash, 1 bunch of beets, 1 bunch of red onions, 4 pints of sugar snap peas, ½ pint of raspberries, 1 kohlrabi, 1 pac choi. 12 items
- 6/8/11- 3 pints of sugar snap peas, ½ pint of snow peas, 3 pounds of asparagus, two ½ pints of raspberries, ½ dozen eggs, and 1 pint of cherries. 11 items
- 6/15/11- 4 cucumbers, 1 bag of mixed squash, 1 bunch of beets, 1 Swiss chard, 2 bags of green beans, 1 bag of potatoes. 7 items
- 6/22/11- 2 bags of Yukon Gold potatoes, 1 kohlrabi, 2 green peppers, ½ dozen eggs, 1 bunch of red onions, ½ pint of raspberries, 1 bag of tomatoes. 8 items
- 6/29/11- 1 bag of yellow squash, 1 bag of green squash, 1 bag of eggplant, 1 bag of red potatoes, 1 bag of cucumbers, 1 head of cabbage, 1 large bag of tomatoes. 8 items
- 7/6/11- 1 bag of cucumbers, 1 bushel of corn, 1 bag of tomatoes, ½ dozen eggs, 2 pints cherry tomatoes, two ½ pints of black berries. 10.5 items
- 7/13/11- two 1 ½ pound bags of string beans, 2 pints of grape tomatoes, 2 bags of potatoes, 1 bag of squash, 1 bag of eggplant, one ½ pint of raspberries, 1 bag of tomatoes, 2 Ambrosia cantaloupes. 12 items

- 7/20/11- 2 pints of grape tomatoes, 1 bag of cucumbers, 1 large bag of tomatoes, two ½ pints of raspberries, 2 pints of blackberries, 1 bushel of corn, 3 watermelons. 15.5 items
- 7/27/11- 1 bag of tomatoes, 2 bushels of corn, 3 watermelons, 4 Ambrosia cantaloupes, 3 pints of blackberries. 18 items
- 8/3/11- 1 bushel of corn, 2 watermelons, 1 pint of blackberries, 1 bag of peaches, 2 pints of grape tomatoes. 9.5 items
- 8/10/11- 1 quart of grapes, ½ dozen eggs, 2 watermelons, 1 pint of blackberries, 2 dozen corn, 1 bag of peaches. 8 items
- 8/17/11- 1 bushel of corn, 1 quart of grapes, 2 quarts of peaches, 1 watermelon. 7.5 items
- 8/24/11- Farmers ½ dozen corn, 1 quart of grapes, 3 quarts peaches, 1 pint of okra, ½ dozen eggs. 7 items
- 8/31/11- 1 flat of peaches, 1 quart of cooking apples, ½ pint of okra, 1 pint of grapes. 9 items

Total items: 187, 187 items divided by 18 Wednesdays= 10 and 1/3 items average per week.

In 2010, Snead's Farm CSA averaged 9 1/4 items per share during the spring and summer months; in 2011, 10 and 1/3 items were averaged per share. Almost all shares consist of two families: this works because of the large volume of items given out. It cuts share cost per family in half and also allows families to take turns on pick-up day or while they are on vacations. Our family and long time workers consider the CSA to be the most "farm fun" venture we have ever done. "It's like being Santa Claus of the land." – Emmett Snead