

2025 CSA

MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT

Joining the Snead's Farm CSA is like buying a "share" in our farm's product for the year. In exchange for your investment, you receive a "dividend" of the freshest produce possible. Members take on some of the risks and share in the benefits of growing food. CSAs are not about getting discounted produce, nor are they cooperatives. However, the Snead's Farm CSA strives to be unsurpassed in the combination of value, quality, freshness, quantity and variety of items offered with the least amount of risk possible.

Two share sizes to choose from

Our traditional CSA shares are big enough to be split between two families, and provide a huge bounty of asparagus, corn, peaches and other popular crops. To meet the needs of busier families and smaller households, we also offer "small shares." See all pricing and pickup options in the table below. All prices include sales tax. <u>While we have</u> raised our prices for the 2025 season to cover the cost of credit-card processing, members can still join for the same price as years past by paying with cash or check. Please make checks payable to Emmett Snead.

Pickup Location*	Pickup Day	Date of first pickup	Date of final pickup before fall pickup	Price before Oct. 2, 2024**	Price after Oct. 2, 2024**
Snead's Farm	Wed. 9a–6p	May 7 (Wed)	Aug. 13	\$760.14 full share/ \$522.58 small share	\$844.60 full share/ \$580.66 small share
				**Discounted price for payment by cash or check: \$738 full share/ \$507.36 small share	**Discounted price for payment by cash or check: \$820 full share/ \$563.75 small share
Braehead Farm	Mon. 10a–6p	May 5 (Mon)	Aug. 11	\$798.15 full share/ \$560.58 small share	\$882.61 full share/ \$618.67 small share
				**Discounted price for payment by cash or check: \$774.90 full share/ \$544.25 small share	**Discounted price for payment by cash or check: \$856.90 full share/ \$600.65 small share

*All members will pick up their quadruple fall box at Snead's Farm on Oct. 1, 2025.

****Bonus "Fall Gleaning" pickup**** 2025 CSA members will receive an additional fall pickup on Wed., Oct. 29, 2025, at Snead's Farm. This pickup will include a box of produce and a share of all of the late-fall produce that has not yet been harvested, as well as free admission for hayrides, Mountain Slides and farm play on the 29th.

What does a share include?

Snead's Farm CSA shares include fresh produce from our farm, as well as from Canning Farm of King George County, Idlewood Farm near Richmond, Moss Neck Farm of Caroline County and Braehead Farm of Fredericksburg. These partnerships allow us to offer a wider variety of items in our weekly boxes, reduce the risk to the consumer and promote the success of more local farms.

The contents of boxes will vary based on the yield of fruit and vegetable fields, plants and orchards, and of the laying hens, which depends on the forces of nature. However, Snead's Farm and its partners have enough variety, growing more than 40 different crops, that enough shall come to fruition to afford

everyone a good supply of almost everything. All crops at Snead's Farm can be irrigated, greatly reducing the risk of failure.

The Snead's Farm CSA *may* offer pick-your-own opportunities to members for asparagus, sugar snap peas, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, sunflowers or grapes when there is a plentiful crop; however, Snead's Farm cannot guarantee this. Small-share owners will enjoy the same pick-your-own opportunities as full-share owners.

In the 2024 CSA, both shares had "broken even" on the share price when compared to the retail value of goods distributed by the week of July 22. That means the final five CSA boxes—including peak produce and pumpkin season—were essentially free!

Pickup: Subscribe to our e-mail list by using the QR code at right to receive weekly recipe tips and a list of what's in your box. If you know that you will miss your pickup, your options are to have someone pick it up for you or to forgo your share for the week. In addition, you may call Snead's Farm by 8 p.m. on the Sunday before your pickup to request that your share be donated to the Fredericksburg Food Bank that week. Cash refunds or share replacements will not be offered for any missed pickups. You are welcome to visit, picnic and stroll around **Snead's Farm** on pickup **Wednesdays**.



How to join: Print out this form and send it with your payment to: <u>Emmett Snead, 18294 Tidewater Trail,</u> <u>Fredericksburg VA 22408</u>. Please make checks payable to Emmett Snead, according to the chart above. If you are splitting your share with another family, please list just **one name** that both families will use at pickup time. Please note that we do not split full shares on pickup day. You may also join online at sneadsfarm.com.

Name (please PRINT first and last):						
Phone number:	E-mail:					
Address:						
I wish to purchase a (circle one):						
Full Share	Small share					
Requested pickup location (circle one):						
Snead's Farm	Braehead Farm					

Read and sign below:

I understand that my membership payment entitles me to a weekly share of goods harvested for the CSA during the 2025 growing season from Snead's Farm, Canning Farm, Idlewood Farm, Moss Neck Farm and Braehead 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 that need to be shared by the whole community. I am responsible for picking up my produce during scheduled pickup hours on my pick-up day. No special arrangements can be made if I do not pick up my box on time. I am responsible for returning my boxes and egg cartons to the farm to cut down on waste. I am also responsible for signing up on the website and reading the CSA newsletters that are posted on the Snead's Farm website at <u>www.sneadsfarm.com</u>. I have read and understand the information in this agreement and agree to the details of membership outlined herein:

Signature/Date: _____