

Welcome Table Farm

2010 CSA Information

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is one of the best concepts to hit agriculture in a long while. Members join the farm and pay for a share of the yields well before harvest time. This financial investment helps cover spring farm expenses as they are incurred, reducing the need for credit financing. It also provides a type of farm insurance- if there are major crop failures do to weather, pests, etc... all CSA members share the loss rather than just the farmer. In exchange for member support the farmer commits to working hard, providing weekly shares of the harvest to members, and developing connections between farm, farmer, and members. This community effort helps makes small scale agriculture viable.

Is it a fit for you?

We know its not good business practice to discourage customers, but we want to make sure this sort of product and service exchange will work for you. Please think over the following questions.

- ✓ **Do you like surprises?** Each week as yields and seasonal availability shifts so will the contents of your box.
- ✓ **Do you like to cook?** Each week we'll try to provide favorite quick foods like salad greens, berries, and carrots. However, many ingredients are best used with prepared meals.
- ✓ **Are you a creative cook?** Can you use unusual and/or unfamiliar produce in your meals
- ✓ **Do you support local, organic agriculture?** Your support of the development of our young farm may be one of the biggest rewards of membership.

Member Responsibilities:

Welcome Table Farm needs members who will:

- ✓ **Tell us what you think-** Your feedback on share value, quantity, quality, and selection will allow us to make improvements. We'll benefit more from your direct communication than from any un-voiced concerns.
- ✓ **Provide support and encouragement-** Growing food is always unpredictable. With weather, pests, trials of new varieties, and our own learning curve as farmers we don't promise perfect produce. However, your moral and financial support allows us to continue to improve on the quantity and quality of food we provide to you and work towards increasing sustainability in our overall farm system.
- ✓ **Be reliable-** Timely payment is critical. Pick up your box without multiple reminders and arrange substitutes if you're out of town. You're farmers appreciate it!

The Welcome Table Farm Pledge

In return for your stellar membership we will provide:

- ✓ **The best of farm harvests** each week mid- May through early October.
- ✓ **Priority registration** for future CSA shares and farm offerings.
- ✓ **Customer service** that is reliable and prompt.
- ✓ **A farm connection** that is local, friendly, and open for visits.

Logistics

- ✓ The 2010 season will run for 21 weeks from May 11th through October 4th with one week off on July 6th
- ✓ Cost of the share is \$500. Pricing is based on a \$24 average value box.
- ✓ Storage share of garlic, onions, squash, potatoes, roots, and apples available the 2nd week of October for \$50
- ✓ Extended season share of six boxes mid October through mid December is available for \$100.
- ✓ Register before January 15th and receive a \$50 early bird discount.

Thank you for your interest and support. Please call 529-0772 or email emily@welcometablefarm.com with questions.

Sincerely,
Emily Dietzman and Andy Asmus

2010 CSA Member Registration Form

Thanks for joining as a CSA member!

Name:

Address:

Phone:

***Email:**

*email required for weekly box notes

Tuesday Pick-up Location:

_____ The farm, 756 Mill Creek Rd

_____ 303 Whitman Street

_____ The Daily Market Co-op, 508 E Main

Veggie Share Payment Options:

_____ \$450 "early bird" share. Registration and full payment by January 15th.

_____ \$ 500 full share. \$200 deposit due with registration. Full payment by March 1st.

_____ \$ 500 full share with alternate pay schedule. Payments will be made on the following dates:

_____ I'm interested in a work-trade arrangement.

_____ I'm interested in a reduced cost low-income membership. I feel that I can pay \$_____.

Storage Share:

_____ \$50 storage share of potatoes, onions, garlic, winter squash and pumpkins, roots crops, and dry beans.

Extended Season Share:

_____ \$100 extended fall/winter season. Boxes packed out on October 13th, October 27th, November 10th, November 24th, December 1st, and December 15th.

Total due: \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Check # _____

Date: _____

You can expect the remainder of payment by: _____

Please complete the registration form and return it with payment/deposit to:

Welcome Table Farm

756 Mill Creek Rd Walla Walla WA 99362

Please call us at 509.529.0772 with questions or to make special arrangements.