

Greensgrow 2009 CSA Agreement and Registration Form

Conditions and Costs

Greensgrow Farms agrees to plant, grow and gather shares of fresh local goods every week for all CSA members for the weeks they are registered during the 2009 season beginning the week of May 21st, 2009. Each weekly share will include the items stipulated in the attached information sheet. It is possible that some crops will partially or wholly fail due to adverse weather conditions or pests. Greensgrow Farm will try its best to replace lost crops with suitable substitutes.

Full Share: 24 Weeks costs \$775 (\$32.30/week) **Half Share:** 13 Weeks costs \$435 (\$33.45/week)

Work Share: 24 Weeks costs \$575 (\$23.90/week)

*** requires minimum of 36 hours scheduled work on farm during course of 2009 CSA season ***

Payment can be made in full or in 3 installments. (Please see payment terms below.) Payments may be made by cash or checks payable to Greensgrow Farm. Credit card numbers are collected as a back-up for any unpaid balances. We will *not* run your credit card number unless payments are overdue.

Pick-up at the farm will be on **Thursdays from 2:00-7:00** or **Saturdays 10:00 to 3:00**. Members agree to pick up their share (or arrange for someone else to pick up) during the times provided, or else forfeit the share. The Greensgrow CSA will run for 25 weeks, beginning Thursday May 21, 2009 and ending Saturday November 7, 2009. Full Share and Work Share members are required to take one 'vacation week' when they do not pick-up a share.

Account Name –Your account will be established under the name of the main contact person. If you are sharing a share, you can include the email addresses of all other non-household adults involved (see next page). Greensgrow does not *ever* share our contact list with outside parties.

Main Contact _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Your credit card will not be charged unless payments are not received within 2 weeks of their due date.

Account Credit Card VISA _____ Master Card _____

Name on card: _____

Card Number: _____ exp: _____ security code: _____

E-mail Address(es) – Please include the email address of the Main Contact person. Also include the email address of other members who would like to receive the weekly newsletter.

Main Email: _____

Other Email: _____

Pick-Up Day – You must choose **EITHER** Thursday **OR** Saturday for the whole season.

*** You cannot choose on a weekly basis ***

~~_____ **FULL** Thursday Pick-up~~ (2:00 to 7:00) (*no longer available*)

_____ **Saturday Pick-up** (10:00 to 3:00)

_____ I would like the **VEGETARIAN OPTION**

How did you first learn about Greensgrow? _____

Payment terms (indicate one):

FULL SHARE – 25 weeks

_____ **Full payment enclosed** (\$775)

_____ **1st payment enclosed (\$259)**

_____ 2nd payment due by July 14th (\$258)

_____ 3rd payment due by September 8th (\$258)

HALF SHARE – 13 weeks

_____ **Full payment enclosed** (\$435)

_____ **1st payment enclosed (\$145)**

_____ 2nd payment due by July 14th (\$145)

_____ 3rd payment due by September 8th (\$145)

~~**WORK SHARE – 25 week**~~ (*no longer available*)

~~_____ **FULL** Full payment enclosed~~ (\$575)

_____ **1st payment enclosed (\$192)**

_____ 2nd payment due by July 14th (\$192)

_____ 3rd payment due by September 8th (\$191)

Agreement

I wish to join the Greensgrow CSA for the 2009 season. I have read and understand the conditions above. If for any valid reason I must cancel this agreement, I must contact Greensgrow in writing. No “I told some girl at the farm” ways of going about it. **I understand that this is a binding contract.**

Signature _____

Send a copy of this form (keep a copy for your records) and payment to:

**Greensgrow Farm
Attn: CSA
2503 E. Firth St
Philadelphia, PA 19125**

If you have any questions, please contact us at (215) 380-4355 or csa@greengrow.org.

Greensgrow City Supported Agriculture 2009 Season

Thanks for your interest in the Greensgrow CSA. Here you'll find a description of our share, the particulars of belonging to our CSA, and a general harvest schedule to give you an idea of the kinds of produce you'll receive each month. If you would like to become a member, mail us a signed copy of the Agreement and Registration Form with your deposit or full payment.

If you have any questions, contact us at (215) 380-4355 or csa@greengrow.org.

Your CSA Share

We put a lot of thought into what goes into our share, and over the past 7 years we've been fine-tuning our offerings according to our members' input. We provide a balance of old favorites and new, exciting things to try. We won't overwhelm you with a volume of unusual vegetables that you can't use, and we try to not give you one thing too many times. If you find something you love, it may not make it into the share again, but you'll be able to purchase it at our Farm Stand.

In the share every week...

- A seasonal assortment (3-6 items) of locally grown, freshly picked fruits and vegetables from our urban farm and the rural farms we work with.
- **New** to the share each week, you'll receive \$5 worth of 'Greensgrow Bucks' local currency which you can use at our Farm Market to pick and choose your own selection of produce, cheese, meat, etc; whatever your hungry heart desires. We are inviting local farmers to set-up their own tables this year, so that you will be able to purchase produce directly from the producers.
- A locally-produced cheese or dairy product. Some favorites include LeRaysville's Garlic Cheddar, Shellbark Farm's Fresh Chevre, and Mancuso's handmade Fresh Mozzarella from South Philly.
- A meat or our vegetarian option. Our meats are all humanely raised on local, grass-based farms. Pastas and vegetarian items such as seitan are all locally produced. Some favorites include:
 - 1 lbs. Chorizo from Country Time Farm
 - 3-4 lb. free-range whole chicken from Griggstown Quail Farm
 - 2 lbs. fresh linguine from Superior Pasta in South Philly
 - 1 lb. ground lamb from Meadow Run Farm
 - 1 dozen potato pierogi from Antonia in Northeast Philadelphia
 - 1 lb. Ray's Seitan made in Northeast Philadelphia
- Your choice of either:
 - 2 cups of Pequea Valley yogurt
 - a slice of Amish-style butter
 - 1 dozen eggs - pastured, free-range hormone- and antibiotic-free
 - 1/2 gallon hormone-free milk (**but not in the dead of summer, due to spoilage in the heat**)

In the share throughout the season...

- Sometimes you'll receive a loaf of freshly baked bread from one of several local bakeries, including Metropolitan, Sarcone's, Slow Rise, and Artisan Boulanger Patisserie.
- Beekman's C.O.P.A. Soaps made locally in Fishtown
- LinVilla Orchards Apple Cider
- Greensgrow's own "Honey from the Hood"
- Philadelphia Brewing Co. Beer, produced here in Kensington

Full Share and Half Share Options

The full share is not for everyone. Some of you may eat out more often or want a break from cooking, and the half share option is well-suited for many one-person households. With a half share you'll get the same amount of food as a full share, but you'll pick up every other week. We'll let you know when your start date is, and whether you should be picking up on Week A or Week B.

Work Share

Each season we make available a few Work Shares. For a reduced price, work with us to get the shares ready, weed the beds, set out lettuce plants, or whatever else needs to be done around here. Plan to schedule 36 hours of work on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday. The schedule will be set in advance, so you'll know how to plan around it. In exchange, the full share will cost \$615. Returning Work Share members get first dibs. If you are interested in learning more about this option, please contact us at (215) 380-4355 or csa@greensgrow.org.

Thursday or Saturday?

You tell us. But speak now and forever hold your peace, 'cause it's one day or the other. You can't switch back and forth, because of the amount of time staff devotes to the CSA *and* the farm stand *and* the nursery we can't spread ourselves too thin. Thursday's a great day if you like to be ready to cook on the weekend or know you travel on the weekends. Saturday's nice if you know you'll always be stuck at the office late on Thursday or would like to turn your farm visits into a more casual, bring-a-friend sort of experience.

Pick-Up

The CSA season is 25 weeks long, beginning Thursday, May 21st and ending Saturday November 7th.. Pick up is at the farm located at 2501 E. Cumberland St. You are responsible for making arrangements for your share on your chosen pick-up day. We will provide a "Get to Know Your Neighbor Email List" for anyone interested in sharing rides or swapping pick-ups. Please familiarize yourself ahead of time with other members in your neighborhood, so that when the inevitable happens, you have another option for getting your share (or warn a friend or neighbor who owes you one). If there is an *emergency* and you are unable to pick-up, **PLEASE** contact us as soon as possible by phone. We are often asked if we can deliver CSA shares. The answer is no, because all of the staff at Greensgrow are busy with tasks that take place at the farm.

Vacation Week

We know there will be times when you need to escape to the beach or a family affair. That's why if you sign-up for either a Full Share or Work Share, you will take one 'vacation week' when you do not pick-up your share. To be clear, although the CSA season is 25 weeks long, you will actually only pick-up 24 shares. We ask that you let us know in advance when you will be out of town, to prevent us from ordering too much food for that week.

Newsletter and Recipe Database

With a chef and a vegetarian on staff, we have no shortage of recipes and food advice for you. Each week you'll receive a newsletter tailored to that week's share. We'll send it to you electronically, but if you'd prefer a paper copy, that will be available as well. The newsletter is full of recipes for the more unusual items and new ideas for the old standbys. We'll also give you information and how to store and prepare your food and a little background about its origins. We'll also let you know which things to use first, so you don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the more perishable items.

Each winter we also compile the season's recipes into our Online Recipe Database, so that you're never without ideas. Use the database to search for whatever ingredient you have on hand to pull up recipes calling for that item.

Come Party with the Greensgrow Crew

Each year we host an Opening Party and Orientation for new and returning members. This gives you a chance to see the farm, meet other members, share some local food with us, and learn the pick-up routine. This year, the party will be held at the farm on Thursday, May 14th – we'll send more details as the date approaches.

If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering at Greensgrow Farm, please contact us. During the season, there is an endless amount of weeding, planting, picking, and marketing to be done. We always appreciate an extra pair of hands. Contact us in advance though, so that we can schedule a time together. Please note that volunteering is not a mandatory part of joining the CSA!

What makes our CSA special

- Our CSA includes items other than produce (meat, dairy, bread, etc.) The share mimics the way people actually cook and eat, rather than providing just one of the food groups. We've often used the tagline "restaurant-quality" to describe our share, because many of our members recognize farm names and products from eating out at trendy restaurants in town that advertise the fact that they source locally.
- You pick-up at an urban farm. Each week you'll get a chance to observe a working urban farm in action while creating relationships with the Greensgrow staff and like-minded neighbors.
- You can shop at our Farm Stand and Nursery while picking up your share. In addition to the CSA, we carry a quality selection of produce, humanely raised meats, artisan cheeses and breads, locally produced goods, and plants galore.
- You are supporting other initiatives of the Greensgrow Philadelphia Project like our biodiesel production, education programs and new community commercial kitchen project.

A few final words of wisdom...

The CSA is not for everyone. That's why we have a Farm Stand! If you know that you hate trying new things or that you jet-set out of town every single weekend or that you are just too addicted to eating out, you'll probably be much happier visiting our Farm Stand and picking out what you know you'll use. The very same items that we put into the CSA Share are almost always available for sale that day at the Farm Stand.