

Majestic Greens Farm and Flourishing Herbs Farm
Present
Growing Together Farm Share
a Community Supporting Agriculture co-op



- Get fresh produce, grown organically by local farmers.
- Enjoy 5-8 seasonal Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs, and special items, each week.
- Commit to buy into the farm share for the full season (May-October) and receive a guaranteed portion of the farmers' best produce, three weeks a month.
- Collect your share on Sundays from 12-1 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bowling Green, 2033 Nashville Road, or on Saturdays at two local farmers markets.
- Pay monthly, or in-full up front for a discounted rate. Share cost with members of our community in need.
- Half-price shares available for those on tight budgets.

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Growing Together Farm Share: FAQs

1. What is a “CSA”?

Community Supported Agriculture is a commitment to community building through food. Members commit to buying a share of the farm for the whole season, from May 6-October 21. Farmers commit to providing CSA members with complete shares of their best produce each week and full transparency about their food. Community Supporting Agriculture is an opportunity to know one another better, eat healthfully, and create a more sustainable culture.

2. What’s in a CSA box and how much food will I get each week?

Three Sundays a month you will get CSA box full of 5-8 fresh seasonal vegetables, fruits, and herbs, as well as some specialty items from time to time.

Offerings will include lettuce, carrots, salad mixes, tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, zucchini, snap peas, green onions, kale, peppers, okra, collards, sweet potatoes, mustard greens, a variety of fresh herbs, eggplants, watermelons, beets, and more! Special feature items will include herbal teas, home canned goods, organic free-range eggs, cut flowers, and more.

For a household of 2-4 you will have an excellent supply of fresh veggies to get you through the week. Having one week off will give you a chance to use up any surplus.

Larger households will find this basket a good supply for most of their staple veggies.

Households of one veggie lover should be able to handle the share, though some may choose to split their share with another person (i.e. split the cost and pick up on alternating weeks).

3. How much does it cost?

CSA Members enter into a season-long commitment to pay the full cost of their share. **One full-season share costs \$435 if paid in full** at the start of the season on Sunday, May 6.

Alternatively, payment may be made **monthly at a cost of \$75 per month**, on the first Sunday of each month.

For those in the community unable to pay the full amount, we are offering several full shares on ‘scholarship’ for **just \$35 per month**. Please see UU’s Rev. Roger Mohr or farmer Max Farrar if you are interested in this option.

Cash, personal checks, and credit/debit cards are all welcome. Please note that credit/debit card transactions may come with a small processing fee.

4. What if I can't pick up my share?

We know life is hectic and ever changing! **If you are unable to collect your share, please arrange for a friend to take it on your behalf** or make arrangements for pick up at the farm. Please let your farmers know of vacations or other absences as far in advance as possible.

5. What happens if I don't pay?

Things happen, we understand. If you are unable to pay on the first week of the month, you will still be able to collect your produce that week. If you are unable to pay by the second week we will have to withhold your shares until payment is made.

6. Can I cancel my membership?

The CSA is a season-long agreement. You are making a commitment to own a portion of the farm's production for the season. If you choose to end our agreement, no refunds will be offered. If you are no longer able or choose not to collect your share, we will donate it to a household in need. If you are moving away, please talk to us to work out a possible partial-season share.

7. Kroger and IGA are cheaper. Why join the CSA?

Our food is better, cleaner, and fresher. At both Majestic Greens Farm and Flourishing Herbs Farm we grow all of our produce organically, using only naturally-occurring inputs. We do not use synthetic chemical agents. We do not use genetically modified seed (GMOs). We employ preventative pest and weed control methods to limit our use of organic sprays. We grow diverse crops and do not rely on pumping in chemicals to grow unsustainable mono-cultures. Please feel free to ask us for more detailed information on our growing methods.

Know your farmer, know your food, support the local economy. Most food in the grocery store is grown by strangers in California, Mexico, and a few other states. Most farmers operate on razor thin margins, relying on underpaid migrant workers. Corporate middlemen make the lions' share of food profits. However, Southern Kentucky has a growing local food economy and we hope to strengthen it by sustaining the farms in our community. In a CSA, your food dollars cycle straight back into our community to local stores, services, and public tax coffers, instead of being sucked out to corporate HQs or share holders on Wall Street.

Support an alternative economic and agricultural model. Our present agricultural system is one of the largest sources of pollution and environmental degradation. Chemical fertilizers run off to kill aquatic life. Constant tilling erodes the soil. Highly toxic pesticides are killing bees and leading to poor health outcomes. Subsidized corporate agriculture produces surplus staple crops, while most Americans eat less than half their daily vegetables. The farmers of Growing Together Farm Share produce nutritious food using ecologically sustainable methods. The economic model of the CSA supports financial stability for local farmers and serves as a building block towards a more sustainable economy of shared wealth and value.