



What is Community Supported Agriculture?



CSA is a relationship of mutual support and commitment between local farmers and community members who pay the farmer an annual membership fee to cover the production costs of the farm. In turn, members receive a weekly share of the harvest during the local growing season. The arrangement guarantees the farmer financial support and enables many small to moderate scale organic family farms to remain in business. Ultimately, CSA creates "agriculture supported communities" where members receive a wide variety of foods harvested at their peak of ripeness, flavor and vitamin and mineral content.

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Find Us

www.evensong-farm.com

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Healthful, heritage foods



Be a Part of Our Harvest

2009 C.S.A.

Community Supported Agriculture
Membership Information and Sign Up Form



What's in Season?

From Spring until Fall our CSA members enjoy a great variety of healthy vegetables and herbs, including:

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
arugula	X		X
beans		X	
beets	X	X	X
broccoli			X
cabbage	X		X
carrots	X	X	X
celeriac			X
collards			X
cucumbers		X	
eggplant		X	
greens mix	X		X
head lettuce	X	X	X
herbs	X	X	X
kale	X		X
kohlrabi	X		X
leeks			X
melons		X	
okra		X	X
onions	X	X	X
pac choi	X		X
peas	X		
peppers		X	X
potatoes		X	
pumpkins			X
radishes	X		X
salad mix	X		X
spinach	X		X
summer squash		X	
sweet potatoes			X
swiss chard	X	X	X
tomatoes		X	X
turnips	X		X
winter squash			X





Welcome

Evensong Farm in historic Sharpsburg, Maryland invites you to become a member of our CSA. Our members enjoy a weekly share of fresh and healthful vegetables and herbs all Summer and into the Fall. Evensong Farm's produce is cultivated at nature's pace, without the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides or genetically modified seeds. CSA members enjoy **22 weeks** of healthful, heritage produce in exchange for their early support of Evensong's operations.



Why Join a CSA?

- **Reconnect with your community.** Support local farmers, your neighbors and sustainable agriculture.
- **Reconnect with nature.** Experience nature's rhythms by "eating with the seasons." Because we farm at nature's pace, not every item will be available every week. Nature can, and will, deal blows to our best efforts and some crops may fail while others thrive. As a member you will share in these natural fluctuations.
- **Reconnect with your health.** Enjoy fresh local vegetables, fruits and herbs, grown naturally without the use of synthetic pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides or genetically modified inputs.
- **Reconnect with your food.** Know where your ingredients come from and know the farmer who grows them. Be involved with the farm and watch the food go from the field to your table.
- **Reconnect with your history.** Taste the rich flavors of produce that is grown for flavor, not shipping ability. At Evensong Farm, a hospital site after the Civil War Battle of Antietam, we grow many heirloom and heritage vegetable varieties.



Vegetable Shares

From June through October, CSA members receive a weekly share of the harvest — vegetables and herbs that are safe and wholesome for their families. We plant **over 40 types of vegetables**, including more than 150 different varieties we have selected for flavor and uniqueness — over 20 kinds of tomatoes; numerous varieties of summer squash, hot and sweet peppers, beans, beets, and other farm favorites such as onions, lettuce and pumpkins; plus more unique items such as kohlrabi, fennel, lemon basil, lovage and micro-greens.



Your share will come to you in a **recycled canvas bag** filled with the equivalent of a half- to a full-paper grocery bag of produce. In the Spring the bag could be filled with early greens, peas and radishes; the Summer will bring tomatoes and peppers. In the Fall it will be spilling over with more cool season crops like winter squash, broccoli and kale. We pick the best produce from the garden right before packing it for our members, providing the freshest vegetables, from field to table. Each week you'll also receive a **weekly e-newsletter** highlighting that week's harvest, recipes, and stories from the field.



More Membership Benefits

- CSA members are **priority customers**. As partners with us early in the season, CSA members draw from our weekly harvest first, other customers second. Some high-demand varieties we grow may only be available to our members.
- No charge for items from our **pick-your-own Garnish Garden**. Selections may include herbs, flowers, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, wineberries, snap peas and sweet corn.
- **25% discount** on all other produce purchases.
- **Visit the farm** — have a picnic, explore Anti-etam Battlefield's history, pull some weeds.
- First in line for other Evensong Farm offerings like our **pasture raised eggs, chicken and beef**.
- Be the first to learn of ***Evensong at Evensong*** events, concerts or parties.



Work Shares and Pick Up Spots

This year we are adding an option of a working member discount. You can discount the cost of your share \$75 by volunteering for 15 hours of work on the farm. All ability and mobility levels can be accommodated. If you can't work all 15 hours then we can prorate the discount for the amount of hours that you can work. Please contact Julie or Mary for more information about our work shares.

Our **on-farm pick up** option will provide you with the best value, but we understand that it can be difficult for you to travel to the farm each week for your produce. With this in mind, we have many pick up locations to bring our harvest close to where you live or work. Our delivery sites for 2009 will be in **Hagerstown MD, Silver Spring MD, Frederick MD, and Leesburg VA.**

2009 CSA Membership Form

Name, address, phone and **email** (virtually all communication is done through email)-

Choose your pick up location-

- Hagerstown, MD- O'Neill's Physical Therapy, 227 N Cleveland Ave, Wednesdays, 2-6 pm
- Frederick, MD- Schifferstadt Architectural Museum, 1110 Rosemont Ave, Wednesdays, Noon-5pm
- Silver Spring, MD- Fresh Farm Market, Ellsworth Ave, Saturdays, 9-1pm **SOLD OUT AS OF MARCH 1, 2009**
- Leesburg, VA- SQN Communications Design, 3 Royal St SE, Wednesdays, 8-5pm
- On Farm- Tuesdays- 3-8pm

You may pay your entire share amount when you send in this form, or you may choose to enclose a non refundable deposit of \$175 to reserve your share.

Full Share, 22 weeks, Price \$575

Discounts- choose all that apply

- On Farm Pick up discount- subtract \$50
- Work Share discount- subtract up to \$75 for 15 hours
- Bi-Weekly share, 11 weeks- subtract \$200 off full share price

_____ Amount Enclosed

_____ Amount due by May 1, 2009

I agree to pay the amount above by May 1, 2009. In exchange the farm agrees, to the best of their ability, to provide me with a weekly (or biweekly) share of seasonal produce. I recognize that I will take part in the risks as well as the successes of the farm.

Signature _____

Fill out this form and mail along with your check payable to **Evensong Farm, 18502 Burnside Bridge Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782**. Shares are limited so please call Julie at 301-491-2224 or check our website to ensure availability.