

SCHOONER FARMS 2012 CSA - Guidelines & Contract

Please be sure to follow the steps below and read through our guidelines very carefully before submitting your application. Thank you!

1. STEP ONE - LEARN ABOUT HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS

At *Schooner Farms*, our focus is on growing beautiful Organically Grown produce for our CSA members. Each week we take a survey of our fields, and we harvest the crops that are at their peak and ready to be picked. We pack the produce into trugs for every member and have them ready for pick up on appointed days. Our harvest season runs for *18 weeks* from May/June through October. This share does NOT begin until spring of 2012. You will be contacted when 2012 program begins.

2. STEP TWO - CAREFULLY READ OUR CSA POLICIES

CSA is a Partnership between the Members and the Farmers

At the core of CSA is the idea that members support their farmer by sharing in the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season!). Therefore while Schooner Farms will act in good faith to provide fresh organic produce for the 18-week season, there is no guarantee of quantities or contents of weekly shares.

Member Responsibilities

STAY INFORMED! The single most important responsibility of all members is to educate themselves about the workings of our CSA program by thoroughly reading through the website and reading the weekly CSA newsletter posted every week on our website. The newsletter contains important information about what's in the box, news from the farm and details about the harvest.

PICK UP YOUR SHARE! As a CSA member, you must pick up your share on your chosen pick-up day during the pick-up window. To ensure the freshest produce we will only harvest prior to your designated pick-up day. Please choose from one of our two available pick-up days. You must pick up your share on the day you have chosen each week. If you cannot pick up your share, you are welcome to have a friend or neighbor pick up your share that week. Please just email or call us with their name. Our goal is to

have you enjoy your share each week – we will work with you if you give us enough advance notice. If you do not pick up your share and make no arrangements to have someone else pick it up for you then your forfeit your share that week and it will be donated to local charities. There is no refund for unclaimed shares.

Pick-Up days are; Tuesdays from 3-6 pm OR Saturdays from 9 am -noon.

All shares are to be picked up at Schooner Farms.

BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM! We encourage all of our members to become active participants in the CSA Program. You can do this by staying up to date with the news from the farm (by reading the weekly newsletters) and keeping in touch with the farm. **Communication is critical!** Please e-mail us often with your comments, suggestions and concerns. *This is one of the great perks of CSA- you can actually talk to the farmer who grew your food!* We also invite you to visit the farm to see just where your food comes from.

3. OUR SHARES

Schooner Farms CSA Program is a 18-week membership share. Our season begins roughly the end of May to the first part of June, weather permitting.

PRODUCE SHARES

Organically grown produce is picked fresh from our fields, sorted, and ready for pick up at Schooner Farms. This share contains approx. 6 to 10 items grown without synthetic pesticides or fertilizers each week, depending on the season and availability. We practice biodiversity and bio-intensive gardening methods. We do offer several payment plans to help our program fit into your budget.

Standard Share – \$500 – Organic Produce for 1-4 people. Our standard share will offer not only fresh organic veggies but we include blackberries, red raspberries and raw honey from our farm as well.

Supplemental Share* - \$200 - additional produce for 1-3 more people. This supplemental share takes the place of our "full" share. *This share is produce only.*
**Members must purchase the standard share to be eligible for the supplemental share.*

Single Share - \$375 - this share is for a single person who eats a great deal of veggies. There are a limited amount of single shares available.

ORGANICALLY FED PASTURE RAISED EGGS

Egg Share - \$76.50 (\$4.25 for 18 weeks) - A dozen fresh organic eggs each week.

ORGANICALLY FED & PASTURE RAISED POULTRY SHARE

Pasture Raised Chicken will be available to our members. Poultry is raised on site and processed at a State Inspected Facility. Please indicate if you would be interested in poultry on membership form & we will send you a separate order form.

SCHOONER FARMS CSA 2012 - PAYMENT OPTIONS

Option 1.

Pay in full for your 2012 CSA Membership now

Option 2.

\$75 deposit now and pay in three monthly installments beginning in February 2012

Option 3.

\$50 deposit now and pay balance in five monthly installments beginning in February 2012 - final balance due in May 2012. *There is an additional \$15 charge for this payment option.*

4. COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM

Please print out pages 4 and 5, complete contract then send along with payment to Schooner Farms. Keep the guidelines for your records.

SCHOONER FARMS 2012 CSA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Member Name _____

Email Address _____

(E-mail is our primary form of communication with our members. We will not share your information- ever!)

Contact Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____

City, _____ State _____ Zip _____

Secondary Member Name _____

Secondary Email Address _____

CSA SHARE

We do offer several payment plans, please refer to our website under the CSA Membership Menu or call us at 419-261-0908 to make arrangements.

_____ **Standard Share** - \$500 *Produce for 2 adults and 2 children - on average*

_____ **Supplemental Share** - \$200 *Produce only for an additional 1-3 people. *Must purchase Standard Share.*

_____ **Single Share** - \$375 - Produce for 1 to 2 people

_____ **Egg Share** - \$76.50 - A dozen fresh organic eggs each week for 18 week period

_____ YES, I am interested in a **Sustainably Raised Meat Share** please send info

PICK-UP

Pick-Up days are very important. To ensure the freshest produce we will only harvest prior to your designated pick-up day. Please choose from one of our two available pick-up days. You must pick up your share on the day you have chosen each week. If you do not pick up your share and make no arrangements to have someone else pick it up for you then your forfeit your share that week and it will be donated to local charities. There is no refund for unclaimed shares.

CHOOSE A PICK UP DAY

Choose one

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_____ Saturdays from 9 am -noon.

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QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to call us at 419-261-0908 or email us at info@schoonerberries.com Either Don or Becky will be able to answer any questions you may have. This is an exciting opportunity and we encourage your interest and questions.

SIGN CONTRACT

By signing this contract you are agreeing to participate in Schooner Farms CSA. You understand the guidelines explained above and are willing to accept the risks. You will pick up or arrange for pick up of your share each week. You understand there are no refunds.

I appreciate locally grown, synthetic pesticide-free produce and want to ensure that it remains available in my area by becoming a shareholder in Schooner Farms Community Supported Agriculture Program. I understand that Schooner Farms will do their best to provide the sustainably produced fruit and vegetable varieties they propose at the times they estimate. However, as a shareholder in both the bounty and the risk, I understand that nature ultimately decides what I will receive and when I will receive it.

_____ Date _____

SEND IN MEMBERSHIP FORM

Simply send in the Membership form and payment to Schooner Farms at:

Schooner Farms CSA

14890 Otsego Pike

Weston, Ohio 43569

After we receive your application we will process it then send you a copy of your signed contract. Also included in your packet will be our CSA handbook. Once we are ready for harvest we will email you or call to remind you that pick up begins that week. THANKS!!!