



Red Barn Plants & Produce

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2016 Community Supported Agriculture Application

Main Contacts: _____

Other Contacts: _____

Please list the name(s) of other people who might pick up or will correspond with us regarding your share.

Email Address: _____

Email is the best way to keep in touch. An email newsletter will be sent weekly to update you on your CSA box.

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Main Phone number: _____ Other phone: _____

Box types and payment options

- Full Share payment \$500 in full by personal cheque or e-Transfer dated May 1, 2015
or.....
- Two post dated cheques received on sign up of \$250.00 each, one dated May 1 and second dated August 1, 2016
or.....
- Half Share full payment of \$280.. In full by personal cheque or e-Transfer dated May 1, 2016
- Flower bunch add on, in season bouquet added to your box weekly \$80.00 paid in full May 1
- Double the fruit (full share) add on \$100.00 paid in full May 1

Box Pick up: Please check which location you will pick up your weekly share at

At the farm 13139 224 St. on Thursdays 1 till 7 p.m. or Friday 1 till 7 p.m.

Haney Farmer's Market on Saturdays 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Coquitlam Farmer's Market on Sundays 9 a.m. till noon

Statement of Shared Understanding: Red Barn Plants and Produce is committed to your satisfaction and to being your farm. Each box will include a wide variety of seasonal, fresh, local produce that we grow on our farm. Mother Nature may have other plans, so there may be times when items are not available or we may have shortage of some crops, we will try to make it up in another box or provide you with more of what we have been successful at. Our weekly newsletter will keep you apprised of what is happening at the farm so you will be aware of the produce that will be in your box, as well as any farm events, specials and ideas on how to cook and keep your produce. The first box of produce will begin the week of **June 16th** with the CSA running 17 weeks ending **October 9th**. With a total of **17 share boxes** received. No refunds will be given during the season so if you are unable to accept a box for one or more weeks due to holidays or other event please give us an alternate name who will be picking up your box such as another family member, friend or neighbour so that your share can go out to someone.

I, _____, agree to this shared understanding _____
(Please print your name) (Please sign here)

Please tell us how you learned about our CSA

Returning Friend Our Website Search on internet

Saw us at the market/farm stand Other: _____

Find us on  and  plus  under Red Barn Plants and Produce



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Community Supported Agriculture - The down to earth facts.

The concept of CSA is uncommon in Metro Vancouver. For this reason we have created this section to spell out some of the finer details for you. If, after reading this, you are left with any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us directly, either via phone (604-467-4218) or email redbarn@thegarden.ca and we will get back to you as soon as possible!

CSA stands for Community Sustained Agriculture and is a model of small scale farming which aims to deliver fresh, local fruits and vegetables directly to the local community, cutting out middle-men and strengthening individual connections to both the food and the land. CSA's support our small scale family farms, thus making them a viable endeavour.



Members of Red Barn Plants & Produce CSA become shareholders in the farm for the season and receive a portion of the harvest weekly, throughout the growing season. They pick up at a designated location either at our farm or at one of the markets we participate in. The weekly box of fresh, locally grown produce follows the seasons, with crisp late Spring/early summer vegetables filling out the first boxes, and your favourite Summer and Autumn fruit and veggies rounding out the peak of the harvest. You will be updated by a weekly newsletter during the CSA season on what is happening at the farm, ideas on how to handle the produce and recipes for the produce. As well you can follow us on FaceBook, twitter and over our farm webcams.

The CSA Economy

Purchasing a CSA share means buying a portion of the season's 17 week harvest. During winter, we set production goals, order seed, repair equipment, and make plans for crop placement and harvest schedules. In the early Spring, we sell a limited number of shares based on those production goals. The money we receive for these sales funds part of the farm operations for the season.

What is in the boxes?

Once the harvests begin in mid June, all shareholders receive weekly boxes of freshly picked vegetables and fruit. Because each vegetable or fruit has its own harvest schedule, boxes change throughout the season. At the beginning of the CSA season the boxes will be light on produce while later there will be some bumper crops so please be prepared to freeze or can some of the produce. Other factors, like the amount of precipitation and sunshine each week, make it impossible for us to create a definitive schedule. When you join a CSA you are truly eating with the seasons!

What we can tell you is the mid June boxes focus on leafy greens, peas, and herbs; early summer boxes contain spring vegetables plus crunchy favourites like broccoli and cucumbers, sweet onions and beets; late summer boxes contain much of the above plus the warm weather veggies like tomatoes, peppers, beans and squash plus the start of our tree fruits; and fall boxes contain those plus winter squash, pumpkins, onions, leeks and some of the cool season crops seen in the early Spring.

The Role of Mother Nature

If you have looked into CSAs before, you have probably come across various disclaimers of risk, and our CSA is no different; it is inherent in the world of farming. Weather and insects are temperamental beasts. With the weather being unpredictable, and anything from too hot, or too cold or too wet can destroy a crop very quickly. We actively counter these possibilities by constantly increasing our knowledge and over-planting our crops, and we are very confident that you, our valued farm supporter, will be happy with the quantity and variety of food offered through our CSA- but it is important that non-farmer-folks understand the breadth of the role Mother Nature plays in growing their food.

Share Sizes

Our share comes in a tote and is generally suitable for a couple eating primarily vegetables throughout the week, or a family of four (two adults and two young children) who use vegetables regularly as a side dish. Our half shares are enough for light eaters of produce such as seniors, single vegetarians or people who would like some fresh produce but not a full weeks worth.

Depending on your family's eating habits, please understand that, while we aim to provide you with a hearty variety of freshly harvested, local, organic produce, a CSA share may not completely replace your weekly vegetable purchases. Small, local agriculture is about growing naturally, in time with the seasons, and so while we strive to include a rounded variety of staple vegetables when they are in season (tomatoes, onions, carrots, peppers, cucumbers, etc), your favourite vegetable may not be in the basket every week, due to its appropriate time of harvest, unpredictable weather, insects, etc.



Organic

We have struggled with the term and even the processes involved in certifying as an *organic* farm. We use products which are registered on the OMRI list. This list is what an organic farm can use. We follow other organic processes plus we believe in diversity and work with nature with the varieties we plant and the mix in the fields. This is why we have two farms in completely different climactic areas, we can grow the various crops to their perfection based on their natural requirements not on chemical support.



Please feel free to ask any questions you like.

Other Products our farm produces

We have diversified our products on our farms and are now also producing value added products. We may provide plants, herb mixes, juice and vinegar in your box to supplement. These value added items will be added in based on your box composition and availability of produce and be used to supplement when we have limited produce available.