

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a direct partnership between the farmers who grow the food and the people who eat it.

Members receive a share of garden fresh produce grown on organically certified land each week throughout the growing season, which starts the second week of May and continues through the second week of November. While share quantities vary from year to year, in 2006 members received an average of over 15 pounds per week. The cost of membership for the 26 week 2007 Earth-Shares CSA will be less than \$15.50 per week for the \$400 option, and less than \$22.50 per week for the \$580 option.

Members have the privilege of:

- working with an experienced gardener
- rediscovering their connection with the land and soil
- learning about our local foods, eating with the seasons and sharing recipes

Regular meetings will be held to organize the CSA, divide tasks, determine a timeline and carry out the work. Member participation in the decision making process is important. Decisions will include pick-up locations and times, transportation sharing, record-keeping, communication, publicity, gardening work days and meeting times, among others.

The Earth-Shares CSA can only accept a limited number of members, so please reply quickly to reserve your share!

Membership Requirements

There are two pricing options for the 2007 Earth-Shares CSA.

Option 1 – \$400 membership fee plus 30 work hours

This option allows members to offset their out-of-pocket expense by working 30 hours in the garden and/or performing Earth-Shares administration duties.

- \$100 deposit with registration due by March 1, 2007
- first \$150 payment due by April 1, 2007
- final \$150 payment due by June 1, 2007

Option 2 – \$580 membership fee

This option allows members to take part in the CSA even if they don't have time to perform the work hours required of Option 1.

- \$100 deposit with registration due by March 1, 2007
- first \$240 payment due by April 1, 2007
- final \$240 payment due by June 1, 2007

To register for the 2007 Earth-Shares CSA, please send your deposit and completed registration form to:

Mark Burwinkel
Earth-Shares CSA Shareholder Coordinator
4686 Hamilton Ave, #1
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223
Phone: 513.681.4924
Email: nature_dude5@yahoo.com

Please contact Mark if you have questions or need more information about the Earth-Shares CSA.

Registration Form

Please fill out this form completely and return with your membership deposit.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____@_____

Please check the option for which you are registering.

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Option 2 - \$580 membership fee

If you think a full share may be too much for you, we do allow shareholders to split shares and share the cost/produce. Please contact our Shareholder Coordinator Mark Burwinkel (see middle panel) for information about splitting your share.

Early Bird Special!

Register before February 1, 2007 and deduct \$10 off the deposit amount.

2007 EARTH-SHARES CSA

Testimonials

Below are thoughts from members of the 2006 Earth-Shares CSA.

“Believe it or not, the vegetables were so fresh and delicious that after having tried them, my nieces and nephews requested they be served beets and squash for dinner.”

— Judy Leever

“As a dietitian, I know how important freshness is to the nutritional value of vegetables. You can’t get fresher produce that is also chemical free! I am committed to protecting the environment by buying local produce, and I love to learn from our knowledgeable gardeners.”

— Amy Pflum

“I can see and work in the food-growing field, on a farm; I can see the garlic just after it’s been pulled from that field; The butternut squash is deep orange inside.”

— Welda Hartzler Ogle

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