



WHITTON FARMS

2011 CSA APPLICATION

What does it mean to be a subscriber?

During the growing season, CSA members receive a weekly share of the farm's harvest. This is delivered as a sack of fresh, local, vegetables, coming straight from our farm to you!

Whitton Farms CSA runs for 26 weeks

What does a weekly share contain?

Each sack contains a mixed variety of seasonal produce. The specific mix will change as the season progresses while new vegetables become ready for harvest. You will find that we will include both old favorites and new varieties to learn about. Each week, recipes will be included to provide inspiration for enjoying the summer's bounty.

Example of Boxes

- Full Shares are recommended for families of four with mixed diets &/or vegetarians
- Half Shares are recommended for couples with mixed diets

How do I get my weekly share?

Weekly farm shares are brought to pre-arranged drop sites in Jonesboro, AR. & Memphis, TN. Subscribers can pick their sack up at the following locations:

1. Trolley Stop Market (Thursdays & Fridays from 2:00 – 6:00 pm)
2. Memphis Farmers Market (Saturdays from 7 am – 1:00 pm)
3. Memphis Botanic Garden (Wednesdays from 2:00 – 6:00 pm)
4. ASU Regional Farmers Market (Saturdays 8am – Noon, & Tuesdays from 2:00 – 6:00pm)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a CSA?

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. It's basically a produce subscription service.

2. How does the CSA work?

The customer prepays in advance for their CSA subscription with Whitton Farms. Participation in the CSA is on a first come first serve basis. Meaning that the sooner you sign up the sooner your spot is secured for the growing season. Once your subscription is secured when the growing season begins we, Whitton Farms, will deliver your sack of sustainably-homegrown food to specified drop locations for you to pick up each and every week you are participating with our program.

3. Where do you deliver?

We deliver to the Trolley Stop Market in Memphis Tn, Memphis Farmers Market, Memphis Botanic Garden Farmers Market, and to the ASU Regional Farmers Market in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

4. Tell me about seasonal eating.

Seasonal eating means that you will grow accustomed to eating food that is grown in the spring, then summer, then fall. We think it lends itself to being a tasty, healthy, & educational process. Check our produce availability list from more detailed information!



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5. Is a CSA more expensive than a grocery store?

It really depends on the season, & the vegetable in question, but generally, yes. We are growing food that is harvested when its ripe on the vine, delivering it to the customer when its only 24 to 36 hrs old, sprayed w/ zero preservatives, sustainably grown on our, local, farm. When you shop with farmers in the Mid-South, your money stays in the Mid-South. You know who is growing your food, where it was grown, how it was grown, and you have the opportunity to actually visit where your food is grown. I haven't been to a grocery store yet than can offer than kind of service, so we price our heirloom vegetables, fresh herbs, vegetable transplants, and our beautiful cut flowers -accordingly.

6. Can I specify what produce comes in my share?

No, it would be extremely time consuming to take exact orders for over 250 individuals each week for farmers like us. Farming the way we do in the Delta is, in a sense, an extreme sport. In order to make the CSA work we stream line what goes in the CSA sacks. We try to give every subscriber the same variety and amount of food, each and every week. Occasionally we throw in few oddball veggies! Know that Keith & I are always growing new & unique varieties of vegetables & fruits for our CSA members to try first. CSA members help us develop & diversify our crop selection.

7. What size CSA should I get?

Generally we recommend a Half Veggie Shares for couples w/ mixed diets, & Full Veggie Shares for 2 vegetarians, & families with a mixed diet.

8. If I cancel can I get a refund?

No, once you join the CSA your spot is secured for the amount of time you have selected. We offer a 4 week minimum subscription all the way to the entire 27 week (full season) CSA subscription.

9. Can I skip a few weeks if I get too much food?

Yes, but you must notify us in advance via email. This allows us to make arrangements and update our records.

10. What happens if I go on vacation?

Refer to #9

11. Can I switch share types mid-season?

Only if you are going up in share size.

12. What if I miss my pick up?

If you do not notify us, via email, with 24 hours of a missed pick- up we will donate you CSA sack to a needy family in our farming community. You will not be able to double up the following week.

13. Can I get food every other week instead of weekly?

Yes, but you must mail in your application and payment with circled dates on the application

14. Can you tell me what will be in my CSA sack in advance?

No, due to the changes in weather we cannot post every crop that will be in you sack each week. Typically the recipes found in your Whitton Farms e-newsletter will give you a clue to what will be in the sack. It's a surprise each week!



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15. Are you certified organic?

No, but we use organic and sustainable farming practices at Whitton Farms. We cover crop our fields, rotate our crops, plant perennial crops, save seeds, collect compost year round, recycle anything we can get our hands on, collect water, & conserve energy to the best of our abilities. We never use any synthetic fertilizers in our fields, or preservatives on our crops when they are harvested. We do not use plastic in our fields for mulch, use drip irrigation to control water usage, & we are always eager to learn more about permaculture, sustainable farming, & organic pest control.

16. Where can I get information on how to prepare my food?

Each week of your subscription you will receive an e-newsletter discussing what Keith & Jill have been accomplishing on the farm, at the Trolley Stop Market, information on their crops, the weather, good reads, and most importantly recipes!

17. What can I expect in my share as the season progresses?

Anywhere from 6 to 10 different crop varieties depending on season, share size, & availability.

Example of a Half Veggie Subscription

All sustainably grown produce is harvested from our fields within 24 to 36 hours of it being delivered to the drop spot. In addition, most of our vegetable crops are heirlooms & cannot be found in grocery stores, well except for the Trolley Stop Market.

Typical Summer Half Veggie Share

- 1 quart of cherry tomatoes
- 1 quart of heirloom tomatoes
- 1 quart of okra
- 1 quart of squash
- 1 quart of peaches
- 1lb of green beans
- 1 bunch of sweet basil

18. Can I make crop suggestions for the farm?

Absolutely! We enjoy hearing from our subscribers, especially about new plants to grow for food!

19. Do I have to pay for my CSA all in advance?

Yes, in order to fully secure your spot for the season you must pay in advance. If you choose a month to month plan, it will depend on our CSA capacity each month.

20. How do I purchase my CSA?

Three Options:

1. You can purchase a Whitton Farms CSA at the Trolley Stop Market in Memphis, Tn where credit cards are accepted. (VISA, Mastercard, & Discover)
2. Phone & Fax orders for the Whitton Farms CSA are accepted at the Trolley Stop Market as well. Payment must accompany the order.
3. The Old Fashioned Way - mail your application & payment to:
Whitton Farms, 5157 W ST Hwy 118, Tyronza, Arkansas 72386.

After you have placed your Whitton Farms CSA order you will receive an email within one week verifying your order complete with a receipt for your personal records.



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Email: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____

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OR

You may purchase a Whitton Farms CSA
 at the Trolley Stop Market
 where VISA, MASTERCARD, & DISCOVER
 is accepted

Your CSA subscription must be paid in
 full before the start of your service.

_____ Full Veggie Share \$30.00 a week

_____ Half Veggie Share \$20.00 a week

_____ Full Floral Share \$22.00 a week

_____ Half Floral Share \$12.00 a week

Weeks: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

_____ **Full Season** – Full Veggie \$750.00 (26 weeks) = 1 free sack included (MAY thru OCTOBER)

_____ **Full Season** – Half Veggie \$500.00 (26 weeks) = 1 free sack included (MAY thru OCTOBER)

Pick Up Locations:
Please CIRCLE YOUR LOCATION OF PREFERENCE!
 Trolley Stop Market
 Memphis Farmers Market
 Memphis Botanic Garden Farmers Market
 ASU Regional Farmers Market

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Our Commitment: Whitton Farms is committed to providing you with the freshest possible produce that is grown with organic and sustainable farming methods at our farm in Whitton, Arkansas. We do partner with other farmers sometimes throughout the growing season to ensure quality & variety in each & every CSA sack we distribute. We are committed to providing you with equal to or more than the market value in quantity and variety. Orders will be delivered to a pre-arranged drop site at the same time each week.

Your Commitment: As a subscription member of Whitton Farms CSA, I will come to the drop site each week to pick-up my harvest sack. If I am unable to do so, I will send someone else in my stead, or advise the farm of my upcoming absence 24 hours in advance by phone or email. I understand that there is some innate risk in farming and that I may not receive each and every crop planned for the season. I will provide feedback to the farm throughout the season if I have concerns/praise around varieties, quantities, and logistics. I will enjoy my share of the harvest and will seek opportunities to share it with family and friends.

All unclaimed veggie sacks are donated to needy families in Whitton, Arkansas.

Subscriber Signature: _____ Date: _____

