



What Is Community Supported Agriculture – CSA?

CSA is a partnership with your farmer focusing on producing high quality foods using ecologically sound methods of farming. CSA members support the budget of the farm in the off-season and in return receive a weekly share of what's in season. CSA members always get the “pick of the crop,” receiving the first of the items of the season!

Both the farmer and the member share in the risks and rewards of production. Both parties are at risk from inclement weather and natural disasters and both share the rewards of superior conditions and bumper crops.

NV Ranch will begin our fifth year of Community Supported Agriculture in spring 2012.

So, what will I get?

We make an effort to plant a wide variety of common items most families use on a regular basis. In addition to unusual and heirloom varieties of veggies, we always plant standards like lettuce, spinach, green onions, radishes, sugar snap peas, tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, zucchini, winter squashes, green beans and much more. Contents of your share will vary according to the time of the season.

Can I make payments on my share?

Yes, you may split the cost of your share into multiple payments, as long as payment in full is received by March 1st.

What if I don't like some of the items I receive in my share?

Unfortunately, **we cannot customize the content of shares.** However, we often offer a “trade outs” so members can leave anything they don’t want or need and take extra of something else, when available. You may also request we don’t include an item.

What is this thing in my share this week?

Part of the fun of participating in a CSA is **receiving the unexpected.** For any unusual or out-of-the-ordinary items, we will tell you what it is and you can find storage information and recipes on our website.

What if I can't pick up my share this week?

Please call or email us at least a day ahead and either choose a different day/location to pick up, designate someone else to pick up your share, or tell us to donate your share for the week to a local needy family.



Who Is NV Ranch?

NV Ranch is a small, organic, sustainable family farm in Peculiar, MO. Arcenio and Karin Velez farm the property with their children and Arcenio's mother. We began our farm as a way to provide quality food for our family. Over time we realized there were many more families out there wanting to eat the same way we were and our little farm was born. Everyone shares in the chores and the children are learning to appreciate the land and animals and all they can offer.

At NV Ranch we try hard to use methods that preserve the integrity of the land while providing wholesome, chemical-free food for our customers. We use no chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. All fertilization comes from naturally composted materials and manure from our farm. Pests are controlled by companion planting (planting crops strategically to reduce harmful insects and attract helpful insects that prey on pests) and by hand-picking them from plants. Weeding is done by hand cultivating.

We work hard to maintain healthy soil by using planting and harvesting methods that prevent erosion. We rotate our crops annually to prevent the removal of vital nutrients, rotate livestock frequently to give the ground and grasses time to rest, and plant cover crops to prevent loss of land due to erosion and overuse.

We consider ourselves your Personal Family of Farmers and aim to provide you with the best, most nutritious food possible. We eat from these same fields and would never provide our customers with anything less than what we are willing to eat ourselves. Additional information about the way we do things can be found on our website at www.nvranch.info.



2012 CSA Program Information

The 2012 Season runs for 24 weeks from May 13 through October 27. Pickups will occur each week at your selected location on your chosen day.

Families and individuals who join the CSA Program receive a share of produce every week during the growing season.

- **Full share: \$450** (equals \$18.75 per week)- 7 to 9 produce items, enough for a family of four for the week, (¾ bushel box) who cook at home frequently or;
- **Partial share: \$295** (equals \$12.29 per week) - 5 to 7 produce items per week, enough for a couple or family with very small children, (½ bushel box) or family who cooks only a few times per week, or;
- **Individual share: \$175** (equals \$7.29 per week) - 4 to 6 produce items per week, in smaller quantity than a partial share, suitable for a single individual (a shopping bag).

A \$50 deposit is required for each share reserved. You may pay in installments on a schedule of your choosing; all shares must be paid for in full by March 1st.

Reserved shares may be cancelled prior to February 1st to receive a refund of the deposit and any payments made toward the share price. Cancellations made after February 1st will result in a forfeiture of deposit.

Below are sample shares from 9/8/11. The value of each share, determined by averaging our price and regular (non-organic) grocery price, is listed below the picture.

Full Share



\$25 value

Partial Share



\$15 value

Individual Share



\$10 value



2012 CSA Contract

Pickup location (please check one):

- Lee's Summit Farmer's Market: Wednesday – 8am to Noon
- Belton Farmer's Market: Thursday – 4pm to 7pm
- Peculiar Farmer's Market: Saturday – 8am to Noon
- Lee's Summit Farmer's Market: Saturday – 8am to Noon

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Alt phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I/We understand and commit to the following:

- To share with the farmer the risks and rewards of small-scale sustainable farming: weather; insect damage; bumper crops, etc.
- To pay for my share in full by March 1, 2012 or lose my spot and forfeit my deposit. I must cancel my reserved share before February 1, 2012 to receive a refund of my deposit and any payments made toward my share.
- Shares will vary in weight and contents depending on the season and growing conditions.
- To pick up my share at my chosen location during the designated time or send someone else (friend, relative, etc.) to pick up for me.
- To contact the farmer at least one day in advance to request a change to my pick up location that week. I further agree to allow the farmer to give my week's share to a local food pantry or needy family of their choosing if I fail to pick up.

NV Ranch commits to:

- Do its best, in good faith, to provide each share in the listed amounts for each program for the full 24 weeks of the harvest season.
- Provide share information posted on our website, which includes recipes and storage information on the produce being received that week.
- Practice safe-handling procedures to ensure that the items in each share are at their freshest, tastiest, and most nutritious.

2012 CSA Payment Form

Check one:

- Full Share:** \$450.00/year. \$50.00 deposit.
- Partial Share:** \$295.00/year. \$50.00 deposit.
- Individual Share:** \$175.00/year. \$30.00 deposit.

- Deposit enclosed**
- Full Amount enclosed**
- or-**
- Deposit made through PayPal**
- Full Payment made through PayPal**
- or-**
- I prefer to pay via credit card ... please contact me**

Please note your space will not be reserved until deposit payment has been received.

Send form and payment to:

NV Ranch
7708 E. 235th Street
Peculiar MO 64078

Or drop it by any of our market locations.

Payments may be made by credit card at our farmer's market locations, through PayPal to farmfresh@nvranch.info, or over the phone. Enrollment forms may be emailed to csa@nvranch.info.