

# Green Earth Farm CSA



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## What is a CSA?

Community Supported Agriculture is a community of individuals who pledge support to a farm so that the farmland becomes virtually the community's farm. The farmers and the consumers provide mutual support by sharing the risks and benefits of food production.

Members (shareholders) of the farm pledge in advance to cover the anticipated costs of the farm operation through their membership fee. In return, they receive shares in the farm's harvest throughout the growing season. Purchasing directly from the farm cuts out the middleman, giving the farmer a fairer price for his crops and fresher, more nutritious food for you. Take back control of what kind of food you choose to feed your family.

## So how does this work?

The growing season is around 16 weeks (from June to late October), depending on Mother Nature. Our members will pay one price for the entire season. Each week you will come to the farm or to one of our pick-up locations, and receive a box of whatever vegetables that have been harvested that day.

Those who need less may want to split a full share box with a friend or purchase a bi-weekly half share box. If you don't live close to Green Earth Farm, get your friends and neighbors to join also, and you can take turns making the trip to Richmond. We also have drop off locations in Gurnee, and Crystal Lake.

***We offer easy sign up online at our website, and you can pay online via credit card or PayPal or you can mail us a check. If you sign up early you can pay for your share over several months, so the earlier you sign up the longer you can make monthly partial payments.***

## What are Heirloom Seeds and why do we use them?

Most of Green Earth Farm's 100 varieties of seeds come from select heirloom seed companies who offer only non-hybrid, non-treated, non-patented and non-GMO seeds. Heirloom seeds are original seed varieties handed down through generations of families and farmers. They have become more rare as industrial farming introduces an ever increasing amount of hybrid and genetically modified seeds.

## What does this cost?

**Cost of a full share (weekly) is \$475**  
**Cost of a half share (bi-weekly) is \$300**

Ask us about our eggs, chicken and turkey.

**What do we plant?** Beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, kale, leeks, lettuces, melons, onions, parsnips, peas, peppers, potatoes, pumpkin, radishes, salad greens, spinach, sweet potatoes, Swiss chard, summer squash, turnips, winter squash, zucchini and a variety of herbs.