



2017 CSA Program – **YOU'RE INVITED**

We would like to invite you to join our CSA program for the summer of 2017! CSA stands for "Community Supported Agriculture." In the spring, members purchase a share for the 22-week main season. Each week, members receive a selection of seasonal produce harvested at the peak of flavor and quality.

A CSA is a mutually beneficial partnership between Members and Farmers. At its heart, the program relies on members and farmers coming together as a community to share the risks and rewards of local food systems.

- **Potential Risks** - *Natural risks are inherent in food production, and it is possible that some crops may fail or be damaged due to poor weather, drought, disease, or unexpected frost. We grow a diverse array of crops in order to mitigate this risk; if one crop fails, we have more!*
- **Rewards** – *varied seasonal produce of the highest quality and nutritional value, community building with farmers and other CSA members, sharing in the bounty of bumper crops, and assurance that your food is being produced ethically*

Dirt Rich Farm will act in good faith to:

- *Provide fresh produce for the duration of the season*
- *Support the health of our members, soil, and watershed by not using synthetic fertilizers or herbicides.*
- *Promote diversity on the farm to naturally limit our exposure to pest and disease.*
- *Utilize appropriate season-extending techniques to mitigate weather (ie covering fragile plants with row fabric in case of frosts)*

Thank you for your interest in our CSA. Together we will eat well and continue to strengthen our community!

Your farmers,

Ryan and Allison



What does a CSA share look like?

For 2017 we are planning to grow over 90 different varieties of crops. Here is a sample list of produce that may be available at different parts of the season. Remember that this is a tentative list and weekly shares contain 5 to 10 items based on seasonality and availability.

Early Season (May-June)

Asian Greens
Green garlic
Cabbage
Fennel
Peas
Lettuce
Turnips
Radishes
Beets
Kohlrabi
Cilantro
Scallions
Bok Choy

Mid-Season (July-August)

Salad Mix
Kale
Carrots
Summer Squash
Cucumbers
Tomatoes
Pepper
Eggplant
Parsley
Fresh Onions

Late-Season (September – October)

Broccoli
Lettuce
Carrots
Beets
Fresh ginger
Peppers
Tomatillos
Potatoes
Garlic
Onions
Winter squash



2017 CSA Program Guidelines

Please be sure to follow the steps below and read through our guidelines very carefully before submitting your application. Feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you!

Our Shares

Dirt Rich Farm's CSA Program is a 22-week season that runs from 5/18/2017 to 10/12/2017. Shares are limited and are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Vegetable Share

Contains 5 to 10 fresh items each per week. Produce includes roots, vegetables, greens, salad mixes and culinary herbs. Items are selected by seasonal availability, quality and freshness.

- Full Share – \$650 – Produce for 1-4 people.
- Half Share - \$350 - Produce for 1-2 people.

Add-Ons (available only with purchase of full or half vegetable shares)

- **Fresh Flower** *Weekly or bi-weekly bouquets of farm-grown flowers. Flower shares are limited and available on a first come first serve basis! Not eligible for SNAP payments.*
 - \$160 for 16, weekly bouquets
 - \$80 for 8, bi-weekly bouquets
- **Pantry Builders**
 - Sauce Tomatoes - \$35 for a 30lb case of Roma tomatoes for canning or freezing (enough for approx. 12 quart jars)
 - Pickling Cucumbers - \$12 for a 6lb case of pickling cucumbers (enough for approx. 12 pint or 6 quart jars)

Member Responsibilities

Stay Informed. We encourage all members to educate themselves about the workings of our CSA program by thoroughly reading this document and the weekly CSA email. The email may contain important information about the week's share, news from the farm and inspiration for meals using the week's produce.

Pick up your share. To ensure the freshest produce, we time our harvests according to our pick-up schedule. As a CSA member, it is important that you pick up your share at the designated time and location.



Pick up details:

- Thursdays from 5-7pm at 28th and Holgate in SE Portland. Visit with your farmers and other CSA members and select the cream of the crop.
- Monday's after 4pm at the following drop-off locations:
 - NE PDX – 12th and Alberta
 - Wilsonville – At Dirt Rich Farm on Butteville Rd.

Our goal is for all members to enjoy their share each week. We understand that life happens and we are happy to work with you. Otherwise unclaimed shares will be donated and there is no refund for unclaimed shares.

If you cannot pick up your share:

- Arrange to have a friend or neighbor pick-up your produce! Please notify us with a text, call, or email in advance so we can welcome your friend.
- Exchange a missed pick-up for market stand credit. Participants are allowed to miss up to two (2) shares in exchange for market stand credit during the season. Credits are valued at \$30 each (\$15 for half-shares) and must be redeemed at our market stand by the end of the season. Please notify us **at least 24hrs before pickup** so we can adjust our harvest accordingly.

Be an active participant in the program! We encourage all of our members to become active participants in the CSA Program. Communication is critical! Please e-mail us often with your comments, suggestions and concerns. This is one of the great perks of CSA - you can actually talk to the farmer who grew your food! Our contact information can be found at the bottom of this document.

Payment

Payment is due in full by Friday, May 5th, 2017. Shares unpaid after this due date will be forfeited and made available to members on the waiting list. Payment can be made by mail with check or cash in person. Please make checks out to Dirt Rich Farm and mail to Dirt Rich Farm, 4402 SE 28th Pl, Portland, OR 97202.

If an upfront payment is too burdensome but you would still like to participate, let us know in the comments section of the form – we are happy to work with you.



SNAP Benefits

In collaboration with the Portland Area CSA Coalition, Dirt Rich Farm can accept SNAP benefits as payment for the 2017 CSA. SNAP benefits are only available for vegetable shares and not for add-on items and at this time. **Cont. ->**



We ask SNAP participants to pay a \$60 refundable cash deposit (or \$30 for half shares) at the beginning of the season. Deposits will be refunded after the successful completion of the 22-week season.

SNAP payments are structured as follows and occur on the day benefits are received (between the 1st and the 10th):

	May	June	July	August	September	October	Total
Full Share	\$ 50.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 650.00
Half Share	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 350.00

If a participant loses their benefits during the season they must arrange an alternative form of payment in order to successfully complete the season.

Contact information

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (503) 776-0105 or email us at info@dirtrichoregon.com. This is an exciting opportunity and we encourage your interest and questions.