



2012 CSA Information

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Foxtail Community Farm! Winter is officially here, and it is time to start preparations for another CSA season. We are looking forward to a great year and hope that you will join us.

2012 will be our seventh CSA season. For those new to the concept, CSA - Community Supported Agriculture - is an economic and social partnership between farmers and consumers. In exchange for purchasing a share in Foxtail Community Farm CSA members receive weekly deliveries of fresh, farm-grown produce from June through October. We offer two sizes of produce shares, with additional fruit and flower share options and opportunities to purchase extra items such as eggs and preserves. Shares are delivered to member-hosted sites in the Capital District or here on the farm in Greenville.

We believe that true organic farming is part of a sustainable agricultural system that emphasizes local food production and consumption to support the health of people, the environment and the economy. We also believe that CSA is more than the buying and selling of food - it is about building connections between people, the land around us and the food we eat. Through our newsletters, family farm days, member work commitment and partnerships with local food pantries and schools, we strive to share the joys, challenges and benefits of farming with all of our members and our larger community.

Member work is an important aspect of our CSA. The share prices on the attached agreement form are based on each member household fulfilling our basic commitment of one working visit. This year we will have many work opportunities for members, including several options for those who are unable to perform field work. We strongly encourage all members to fulfill this basic work commitment. We will continue to offer an "opt-out" at a higher share price, as well as options for those interested in a more extensive ongoing commitment. Further information on 2012 working shares will be provided soon.

A century ago, most of you would have grown your own food. Today most people have lost that direct connection to the soil. You can use your power as consumers to support the same values and enjoy many of the same benefits through joining a CSA. Thank you for making Foxtail your family's farm!

Reserving Your CSA Share for 2012

- * To reserve your share, complete and return the CSA Membership Agreement (on next page), along with a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00.
- * **Shares will be held for returning members until January 21, 2012.** After this date we will offer shares to people on our waiting list. It is especially important this year that you do not miss this deadline, as we are not expanding our membership and expect any available shares to fill quickly.
- * The full balance for the season is due no later than **May 1, 2012**. A late fee of \$25.00 will be added for payments not received by this date, unless other arrangements are made with us in advance.
- * Members do not need to select their work option or make any related payment adjustments at this time.

For additional updates and details, please visit our Web site at www.foxtailcommunityfarm.com. You can contact us directly with any questions at (518) 966-8698 or mail@foxtailcommunityfarm.com. We welcome both new and returning members, and look forward to a great CSA season!

With warm wishes,

Eric and Rachel

P.S. We are currently seeking a new delivery site in Albany. Please contact us if you are interested in hosting a new CSA site. A great way to fulfill your member work commitment!

Foxtail Community Farm ~ 2012 CSA Membership Agreement

To reserve your share in our 2012 CSA, please carefully review, complete and return this agreement. Contact us with any questions at (518) 966-8698 or mail@foxtailcommunityfarm.com.

1) Select your produce share. There are two produce share sizes to choose from:

- Harvest Basket** – Our standard share. Includes a full share of each week's harvest, from the first taste to the peak bounty of each item. Averages one bushel per week, with quantity and variety increasing as the season progresses. **\$515**
- Taste of the Season** - Features vegetables and herbs at the peak of their seasons. Approximately two-thirds the size of the Harvest Basket. May not include all items in the same week's standard share depending on availability. **\$395**

2) Select any additional options if desired. These will be delivered along with your produce share.

- Fruit Share** – Fresh berries, tree fruit, and melons from our own and other local farms. We choose fruit raised using organic or other sustainable methods when available, conventionally-grown when not. Approximately sixteen deliveries. **\$150**
- Flower Share** – Loose (non-arranged) bunches of a wide variety of seasonal fresh flowers grown on our farm. Approximately twelve deliveries. **\$100**

3) Select your preferred delivery site:

- Delmar
- Loudonville *This site is wheelchair-accessible*
- OCFS/CCF Building in Rensselaer. *Note: Building is locked at 6:00 pm.*
- Albany *Contingent on securing a new site. Contact us if you would like to host a site.*
- Pick up on the farm in Greenville. *Deduct \$25 from your share price.*
- * Delivery schedules and site assignments will be finalized in the spring ***

4) Review additional details, complete and sign your CSA agreement:

- * A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required with this agreement to reserve your share for the season.
- * Balance is due no later than May 1, 2012. **A late fee of \$25 will be assessed after this date.** Please let us know in advance if this payment schedule presents a hardship for you.
- * Your membership is a commitment for the full season. There are no refunds once the season has started.
- * Members are responsible for assuring their share is picked up and for returning empty share boxes each week
- * Please review, complete and submit the attached risk acknowledgment/liability form (if not done previously)
- * Farming contains risks beyond our control. We cannot guarantee the quantity or availability of any specific item.

On behalf of my household, I have reviewed the information in this agreement and wish to become a member of Foxtail Community Farm CSA for the 2012 season.

Signature

Date

Name(s) (please list all members of household) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- I am splitting this share with another household: _____ (name)
Members are responsible for arranging payment and dividing produce themselves. Please submit a membership agreement form and signed liability release form for each household that would like to be on our email list and/or participate in any farm activities.

Total Amount Due: \$ _____ Payment Enclosed: \$ _____ Remaining Balance: \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to Foxtail Community Farm. Send this form with your deposit to:
Foxtail Community Farm, 506 County Route 75, Greenville, NY, 12083*

Foxtail Community Farm
Acknowledgment of Risks and Hazards
Liability Release

I understand that farms are hazardous places. Entering into and engaging in farm activities of any type involves risk of injury or death. I understand that there are numerous risks and dangers inherent in being present on the farm and participating in farm activities, whether work or recreational in nature. I understand that while present on the farm I am responsible for my own safety and that of my children.

I hereby freely and expressly assume and accept the responsibility for any and all risks of injury or death while participating in farm activities or related activities, or while present on Foxtail Community Farm premises.

As a condition of my, or my child, being entitled to enter the farm and/or participate in farm activities I agree to release, forever discharge, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Foxtail Community Farm, its owners, officers, agents, and employees from all liability for negligence and any and all losses, damages, costs and attorney's fees resulting from any and all claims or suits for personal injuries, death and/or property damage of any kind while on the farm or after leaving the premises.

I have read and understand the above paragraphs. I voluntarily enter into this agreement on behalf of myself and other family members listed below.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____