

Taylor Farm CSA Veggie, Egg & Meat Shares

CSA FAQs

What is a CSA and how does it work?

A CSA is a way to get produce directly from a farmer, as fresh as possible. It stands for community-supported agriculture, and is a mutually beneficial relationship for the consumer (who gets a diversity of super-fresh veggies delivered over a period of months).

What is the size of the weekly share, and what comes inside? Amount/examples?

The weekly bag is variety of seasonal vegetables (and occasionally fruit, such as strawberries, melons and watermelons), in a reusable bag. The large share of veggies are enough for a vegetarian household of 2-3 people, or an omnivorous family of 3-5. The large share can be subscribed to every other week. The half share is a smaller variety good for omnivorous households of 2-3 people or those just wanting to try out a CSA for the first time. These are a great value, brimming with vegetables, and no one ever will complain that it's not enough.

How will I know what types of veggies will be in the baskets? Is there an ability to swap veggies out if there is something in particular I can't eat?

We send out an email the day before with what's in the share, and we do not swap out veggies. Each customer gets a full mix of what we have that week, as well as a newsletter with cooking ideas. Don't be afraid to search the internet for additional ways of preparing many vegetables! Also, some customers share their basket with another household, so they swap and trade a little amongst themselves.

How long does the CSA season run? What are the dates? What if I start late?

Our CSA will run 12 weeks, in fall typically September through mid-December and Spring typically mid-January through the end of April. If you start after we've begun, you will make the minimum payment due. The farm will pro-rate your balance due.

What day of the week do deliveries come?

Friday will be farm pickup in Blue. Round Rock, Lexington and Cedar Park deliveries will be on Saturdays. We are always looking for community organizers to coordinate other pickup sites. Get 10 people to sign up and we'll drop all at your chosen site! This is a great way to get your share at a reduced price or free! Ask for more information!

What time will I be able to pick?

Current schedule is Friday stand pickup at the Farm 4-7pm. Saturday Lexington & Cedar Park pickup will be 9am-1pm, Round Rock is 10am-2pm.

Do I return the bag for more veggies next week?

You will bring the bag back when you pick up the next week veggies. Pick up without bag to exchange will incur a \$2 replacement charge.

What happens if I am out of town on a delivery day? Can I schedule my delivery to skip a week?

A CSA is a continuous delivery program, thanks to the ways of Mother Nature giving us "hay while the sun shines". Due to having planned our crops on our CSA membership numbers, we need to continue deliveries through the 12 week season. Here are a couple of options: 1. We will donate your basket to a needy family if you tell us not to deliver one week. 2. CSA members can find a home for their vegetables while they are away; for instance, pay the house sitter with produce, ask a friend or relative to enjoy the bounty as a gift, or offer it as a one-time "trial" to introduce an acquaintance to the CSA!

Can I purchase more of certain veggies?

Yes! Being a CSA member gives you special access to certain on-farm events made available to our farm members either first, or sometimes exclusively. For instance, when we have bumper crops of potatoes, CSA members get first offering for discounted prices. When our okra or pickling cucumber or tomato “seconds” are going gangbusters, we will offer discounted pricing on large bulk orders of them, to be delivered with your CSA share and labeled with your name on them.

Where can I get more Taylor Farm goodness?

Our produce is found at the seasonal Pflugerville Pfarmers Market Tuesday 4-7pm, Lexington, Lakeline and Round Rock Farmer’s market on Saturdays. Follow us on Instagram or facebook for any updates.

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This is a lot of food! Can I change the size of my basket?

We like to make our CSA shares plentiful, abundant, interesting and diverse. A little share might not accomplish that goal. We have kept our quality high, our prices low, and our CSA community eating together for years through offering just two share sizes. You can choose the smaller share or get the large and divide the bounty with friends! There are a variety of ways to split up your shared CSA share. Here are just a few:

1. Each partner gets the whole basket every other week. (pro: easy; con: you won’t each taste every single item over the season’s course)
2. Divide it up evenly each week (pro: you each get to try everything; con: it takes a little time, and some things are big and whole, like melons or butternut squash)
3. Divide it up each week depending on what you each like (pro: you each get only what you like; con: harder to determine what’s even or fair)

How do I store and care for these gorgeous veggies?

We send out a newsletter via email the day of your delivery with descriptions, tips, and storage information. Because our produce is so much fresher than anything you could find at the grocery store, luckily, you’ll find it lasts much longer than store-bought. The shortest farm-to-table time imaginable is the beauty of a CSA. Another bonus is that vitamin and nutrient levels in produce are highest when closest to the time of harvest. Your body will feel the difference eating this way!

Help! I have never heard of some of the items in my share. It’s like a produce safari in here, and I love it! Any tips on how to cook and enjoy some of the lesser known basket goodies?

You’ll enjoy a new spontaneity in the kitchen that will make eating and cooking fun and adventurous again. The newsletter will have recipes and simplest cooking ideas to help you out.

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