

Community Supported Agriculture Programs

BASKET OF LIFE FARM

4965 Quick Rd., Peninsula

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A full season CSA specializing in the natural production of heirloom varieties. Weekly shares typically feature 8-12 types of produce weighing 12-20 pounds depending on the time of year. A wide variety of heirloom, rare and unusual items are included weekly in addition to a good supply of staple items. Eggs are available at an additional cost to members choosing on farm pick up. Home delivery is available for customers in some areas for a small additional cost.

Price Range: around 20 weeks at \$20-\$25 a week plus a delivery fee (if delivery is requested)

Season: May – October.

BERISWILL FARMS

2200 Station Road, Valley City, OH 44280

t: 330.350.2486

w: beriswillfarms.com

Price Range: \$125 per month

BREYCHAK'S BLUE EGG FARM

PO Box 933, Columbia Station

t: 440.667.0551 e: blueeggfarmer@aol.com

w: BlueEggFarm.com

Vegetables, flowers, Heritage Breed, free-range chicken, turkeys, geese and ducks. Non-certified organic, no pesticides, hormones, antibiotics or chemical fertilizers.

Price Range: \$35 - \$535 per season (18 weeks, June-October)

CITY FRESH CLEVELAND

Two locations in downtown Cleveland: Clark Metro Fresh Stop located at W. 25th & Clark, US Bank parking lot and Detroit Shoreway Fresh Stop located at W. 48th & Lorain Ave. at Urban Community School.

t: 216.429.8238 or 440.774.2906

Fresh stops are an inviting location to buy fresh-picked local food, meet neighbors, receive information on nutrition & recipes, and participate in fun events. Produce can be purchased in Market Bags which contain 7-8 different fruits & vegetables, 4 servings each. Produce is also sold a la carte at the Clark-Metro Fresh Stop.

COVERED BRIDGE GARDENS & PETERS CREEK

1681 Netcher Road, Jefferson

t: 440.858.2569

e: mpro@suite224.net

Gourmet vegetables as well as everyday garden varieties selected by your very own personal farmers. Each weekly delivery comes with a newsletter providing recipes and tips on how to handle, prepare and preserve the produce.

Price Range: \$160 – 320 (16 weeks, July-October)

CROWN POINT ECOLOGY CENTER CSA

PO Box 484 or 3220 Ira Road, Bath

t: 330.668.8992

e: farm@crownpt.org

w: crownpt.org

Crown Point has operated a CSA from its 10-acre, certified organic farm since 1998. Today, the CSA serves 75 families as well as the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.

Price Range: Standard and working shares are offered during the 23+ week growing season. For more information and pricing, please contact Crown Point.

GEORGE JONES FARM & NATURE PRESERVE

MPO Box 357, Oberlin

t: 440.774.2906

e: sara.watergirl@gmail.com

w: gotthenac.org

Members pick up share at the farm every Monday from 3-6 beginning in June and continuing into fall. Spring shares are also available that include greens and some veggies. A share will feed a family of 4-5.

Shares will include: weekly selection of produce, bouquet of flowers (June-August), monthly newsletter with farm news, events and recipes, the opportunity to buy other products such as eggs, meats, and specialties like pesto, participation in seasonal festivities at the farm.

Price Range: \$400

HERSHEY MONTESSORI FARM SCHOOL CSA

11530 Madison Road, Huntsburg

t: 440.636.6290

Hershey Montessori Farm School is a program of Hershey Montessori School in Concord Township, an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) school established in 1978. Guided by Maria Montessori's vision of a farm-based community, the Farm School serves approximately 45 local, national, and international students in grades 7 through 9. The Hershey Montessori Farm School CSA offers individuals and families the opportunity to directly support a local farm and receive a portion of the harvest in return for this support. Student garden managers will assist in the organization of the CSA program. As a member, you will share in part of our weekly harvest from approximately July through October. Each week you may come to the Farm School to pick up your share, or other options may be arranged. All members will be encouraged to spend a little time helping out in the gardens during the season during scheduled times and events.

Price Range: \$250 for a weekly "share" of the harvest.

MAPLE VALLEY SUGARBUSH & FARM CSA

12363 Chardon-Windsor Road, Chardon

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We started a CSA to link consumers with fresh, locally grown produce on a biodynamic farm. We will let clients know each week what is available and they purchase any items they wish with a 20% discount on all items (except for meats).

Price Range: \$300.00 for pick up at our farm, \$400.00 for delivery.

Season runs May-October but certain items are available year round (i.e. maple syrup, meat). Prospective clients can call or e-mail for more information.

Other Subscription Delivery Services, Buying Clubs, etc.

Sweet Pea Organics

LEAF, Lakewood

EcoVillage Produce



COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) as follows: "CSA consists of a community of individuals who pledge support to a farm operation so that the farmland becomes, either legally or spiritually, the community's farm, with the growers and consumers providing mutual support and sharing the risks and benefits of food production. Members or shareholders of the farm or garden pledge in advance to cover the anticipated costs of the farm operation and farmer's salary. In return, they receive shares in the farm's bounty throughout the growing season, as well as satisfaction gained from reconnecting to the land. Members also share in risks, including poor harvest due to unfavorable weather or pests."

CSAs have become very popular throughout the country and they are sprouting up here in Northeast Ohio as well.

Use this directory to find local CSAs that offer participants a variety of seasonal produce. Some CSAs also provide members with eggs, meat, poultry, dairy products, flowers and other specialty foods. CSA prices vary depending on the size of the share and length of the growing season. If you are interested in joining a CSA for 2007, the best time to do so is in early spring.

This information has been published by the Countryside Conservancy as part of its *Countryside Harvest Guide*, a web-based guide to local, seasonal eating available at www.cvcountryside.org.

The Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy (CVCC), is a private, non-profit organization headquartered in the Cuyahoga Valley between Cleveland and Akron. CVCC is a small think-and-do tank working to re-envision and rebuild local-regional farming and food systems in Northeast Ohio.

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