

# Autumn Harvest Orchard, LLC

## Community Supported Agriculture

**2022**

**Our CSA program is 20 weeks long starting in June (3<sup>rd</sup> week) and ending in October (last week). CSA Customers can choose half shares of 10 weeks from June (3<sup>rd</sup> week) to August (2<sup>nd</sup> week)**

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you as our customer. By selling membership in advance of the growing season, CSA's reduce the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership fees provide a degree of cash flow to purchase seed and fertilizer, repair buildings and equipment & pay weekly labor bills before the season starts. This is a huge benefit to farmers, especially those growing produce, who otherwise have no cash flow & need to work on a budget dictated by the previous year's harvest during the winter & spring months. This is difficult enough without considering the many unknown expenses that occur each year, especially in terms of equipment maintenance. Your commitment to a share of the upcoming growing season cannot be appreciated enough; as we will strive to provide ultra-fresh produce with all the flavor & vitamin benefits, exposure to different produce items & interesting ways to prepare them, designated farm visits & tours to see how your produce is grown and the development of a relationship with the farmers growing them.

### **Seasonal farm grown produce planned for the 2022 growing season includes:**

Kale, Swiss Chard, Lettuce, Garlic, Grape Tomatoes, Beef Tomatoes, pickling Cucumbers, slicing Cucumbers, Green Beans, Zucchini, Red and Blue Potatoes, Turnips, Bunching Onions, Sweet Peppers, Onions, Jalapenos, Basil, Sage Parsley, Dill and other Herbs, Blueberries, Blackberries, Apples, Peaches, Nectarines and Chestnuts.

CSA's are something that many farms offer, but few cater to their CSA members when it comes to the weekly pickup or excess produce that would otherwise end up in the compost pile. We aim to please and try to maximize the diversity of our produce offerings every week! We have five (5) different varieties of apples starting with **Pristine** in July, **Redfree** in August, **Liberty** in September, **Goldrush** in October and **Enterprise** in late October. All of our fruits, berries, chestnuts and vegetables are all Certified Naturally Grown and all have their own unique flavor.

### **How does the Autumn Harvest Orchard CSA work?**

After purchasing a 'Share' members then visit the farm once a week starting in June to pick-up their freshly picked box of seasonal vegetables, herbs, berries and fruits.

Members choose either **Wednesday, Friday or Sunday** as their pick-up day at the orchard and are asked keep that day through the season. CSA members can pick up their shares from **12 pm through 5 pm** on the day. If on any given week you would like to come on a different day please just let us know via email.

### **Why Join the Autumn Harvest Orchard CSA?**

- Guaranteed weekly fresh organic produce packages through the summer and into the fall.
- We are Certified Naturally Grown in both the produce and Apiary and we do not use GMO seeds or have any GMO fruit trees or berry plants.
- Knowledge of how your food is grown and a relationship with the farmers growing it.

- Group tours of our growing areas/facilities exclusively available to CSA members beginning with orchard and field and followed by the high tunnel and apiary during the spring, summer or fall as various crops are planted, maintained & harvested.
- Support Connecticut Grown, buy fresh and buy local and most of all support we are a Veteran Owned and Veteran Operated Business which will continue for generations to come.

**Vacation or Business trip don't worry about missing a share due during that timeframe.** Just notify us 24 hours ahead of the pickup date or earlier and you can either have one of the three options available:

1. Have a friend or relative pick up and enjoy your share just let us know who is coming for your share pickup.
2. We can give you a double the next week your back.
3. Or we can give you two shares in one week.

### **Share Type:**

#### **"Full Share" \$650.00 (approximately \$33 - \$31 / week)**

Perfect for a large single family or multiple families/friends purchasing a share together. Our CSA season will only feature a 'Full Share' option providing a variety of produce to feed 4 to 5 people (whether that is one family or multiple families/friends going in on a share together) on a weekly basis. Great effort will be taken to provide the maximum seasonally available diversity of berries, fruits and vegetables in each weeks share.

Members pre-pay before the season begins supporting the farm during a time of the year when financial help is needed most. Once the season begins members visit the farm once a week (**for 20 weeks**) to pick up their share of fresh berries, fruits and vegetables picked day. The season runs from **June 3<sup>rd</sup> week through October (last week)** and will include a wide variety of different produce.

Members will always receive the full value of their share over the course of the season; likely by quite a bit more as each weeks share will always be generously weighed/bunched & any crop surplus will be shared with members free of charge.

#### **"Half Share" \$325.00 (approximately \$33 - \$31 / week)**

Once the season begins members visit the farm once a week (**for 10 weeks**) to pick up their share of fresh berries, fruits and vegetables picked day.

The season runs from **June 3<sup>rd</sup> week through August 2nd week** and will include a wide variety of different produce.

Please view the **Autumn Harvest Orchard CSA Member Agreement** for additional information regarding our shared commitments, picking up shares, membership fees & how to communicate with us.

- **Payment.**

- a. Accepted Payments

Please make Checks out to **Autumn Harvest Orchard LLC** or pay at the farm on the first CSA week.

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- b. CSA registration form on our Website: <http://autumnharvestorchardllc.com>
- c. We would prefer payment in full by your first pickup.
- d. If you are unable to make payment before the start of the CSA we are happy to make arrangements with you.
- e. While we will accept a signup form with no payment your spot is not reserved until we have received a payment of at least one week's value.
- f. We do accept partial payments if you are unable to pay the whole amount at a given time.

### **Come Join Us!**

1. CSA registration form on our Website: <http://autumnharvestorchardllc.com>
2. For other concerns on CSA please email us at [JDCharon@comcast.net](mailto:JDCharon@comcast.net), or Text us at 203-592-0554 and leave a Voicemail. Please leave your name, phone number and email and your concerns or questions and we will get back with you.
3. CSA Point of Contact: Joanne Charon, Tel: 203-592-0554, or email [JDCharon@comcast.net](mailto:JDCharon@comcast.net)

Thank you for being a CSA member with Autumn Harvest Orchard, LLC we look forward to welcoming you and growing the best organic vegetables, fruits and berries for you and your family.