

The Main Produce Shares

Shares are awarded on a first-come first-served basis, so send in your application today!
Standard Share — \$575

The Standard Share is for those wish to become a part of the Crown Point CSA community but don't have the time to become overly involved, as we require only one three-hour work shift from standard members. Please see the application form for more information on the working requirements. Fee includes Crown Point membership.

Working Share — \$475

The Working Share is for those who like to participate more fully. Working members work in large part with preparing the harvests for fellow CSA members. They may also help with planting, and, yes, weeding. In exchange for working on the farm for ten three-hour work shifts throughout the season, they receive their share at a reduced price. It is important to understand that this is a large and important commitment - once you sign up for a working share, the farmers count on your help. We urge everyone considering a Working Share to evaluate their schedules to be certain that it is truly a feasible option for you. Fee includes Crown Point membership.

Optional Shares

In addition to the produce shares, a number of optional shares are available. The eggs are from the small flock free-ranging hens at Crown Point. The flowers are grown at Crown Point and make a beautiful supplement to the produce shares.

The mushrooms are grown by Tom and Wendy Wiandt of Killbuck Valley Mushrooms, Inc. in Burbank. They offer shares of their organic oyster mushrooms, which are as beautiful (coming in shades of pink, blue, brown, and yellow) as they are tasty.

The Bread is baked by Lisa Schmidt of Mahayana Farm in Seville. Her organic, artisan sourdough bread is delivered fresh on your pick-up day.

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Community Supported Agriculture at Crown Point



Community Supported Agriculture

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a combined effort between a farm and a community of sharers (eaters) that creates a direct relationship between the production and consumption of food. The CSA model is an economically viable way for small scale farmers to produce a wide variety of vegetables in an earth-friendly way. The community supports this effort by covering a farm's yearly operating costs by purchasing a "share" of the season's harvest. By making this commitment a member shares with the farmer the risks and the rewards of growing food. The members' purchase pays for seeds, water, labor, growing supplies, and soil-building amendments. In return the farm provides, to the best of its ability, a wide variety of seasonally harvested fresh organic produce on a weekly basis throughout the growing season. CSAs create responsible relationships between the grower, the consumer, the food, and the land on which the food is grown.

Most produce in the grocery stores has been shipped hundreds or thousands of miles to get to you, becoming a fossil-fuel intensive product. When produce is shipped that far it is necessary to pick it before it has matured and reached its most flavorful, nutritious point. Connecting with a CSA ensures that the produce you buy is freshly picked, fully ripe and full of the vitamins that vegetables are famous for, as well as being environmentally sound.

Organic Production

Crown Point has been certified organic since 1992, ensuring that all of our farming practices adhere to the highest principles of land stewardship, and that all of our produce is grown in an environment free of synthetic chemicals.

We strive to leave the soil in better condition than we started out with year after year. We do this using natural mineral fertilizers, compost, and a nine-year crop rotation that includes two years of rest and also protects against insect, weed and disease problems.

We grow over 40 types of vegetables and over 100 varieties. This encourages biodiversity, which not only helps to prevent any one crop from being completely damaged by insects or diseases, but also enables us to have a longer, more productive season and provide CSA members with a healthy and varied diet.

Share Contents

By joining a CSA, you are committing to eating in accord with the seasons. The season starts out with those items that enjoy the coolness of late spring. As the temperature warms up and the length of the day increases, the number of crops available increases. We are committed to providing our sharers with only the freshest, most flavorful produce possible. Planting and harvesting in harmony with Mother Nature ensures our success. The list below will give you a general idea as to when you can expect to see the availability of some vegetables.

The seasons not only dictate what is available when, but it also determines the amounts we have. Usually the season starts out slow, increases as it goes on, and trickles down again at the end of the season. The season generally lasts about 24 weeks beginning in early May and continuing through October.

You can expect an average weight of your bags to be from 15-20 pounds, or enough for 4 adults that include meat in their diet, or 2 strict vegetarians. If you are single, we encourage you to arrange to split a share with a friend.

	Late Spring	Summer	Fall
Asparagus	ü		
Beans		ü	ü
Beets	ü	ü	ü
Broccoli	ü		ü
Cabbage		ü	ü
Carrots	ü	ü	ü
Cucumbers		ü	
Eggplant		ü	
Greens	ü	ü	ü
Lettuce	ü	ü	ü
Onions		ü	ü
Peas	ü		ü
Peppers		ü	ü
Potatoes			ü
Radishes	ü		ü
Spinach	ü		ü
Squash- winter			ü
Squash-summer		ü	
Sweet Corn		ü	
Tomatoes		ü	ü

Crown Point Ecology Center

Crown Point Background

Crown Point Ecology Center is a 130 acre farm sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic in Akron. The mission of Crown Point is to demonstrate the practical applications of ecology while focusing on the principles of sustainability, justice, spirituality and community. The connections between food, land, and people created through CSA are an important expression of this mission.

CSA at Crown Point

The 2005 growing season will be the eighth year of CSA at Crown Point Ecology Center. In 2004 the CSA served 80 Northeastern Ohio families with 65 shares of locally grown organic produce. A primary benefit of being a CSA farm is that we get to know each and every family, and take into consideration those families likes and dislikes when we make our choices of what varieties to grow. This makes farming more fun for us, and eating more fun for you.

The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and CP

For the past eight years Crown Point Ecology Center has been dedicated to providing the Akron/Canton Regional Foodbank with at least 50% of the vegetables grown on the farm. We have donated over 120,000 pounds of fresh, organic produce to the Foodbank to be distributed to the 320 agencies they serve in an eight county area. In 2005, we will continue this tradition with the hopes of reaching more families that desperately need, but cannot afford, vitamin-rich organic vegetables. By becoming a CSA at Crown Point sharer, you can provide your family with nutritious foods and help those less fortunate.



"How we eat determines,
to a considerable extent,
how the world is used"
-Wendell Berry

