

# Greensgrow City Supported Agriculture 2010 Season

Thanks for your interest in the Greensgrow CSA. Here you will find a description of our share, the particulars of belonging to our CSA, and a general harvest schedule to give you an idea of the kinds of produce you will receive each month. If you would like to become a member, mail us a signed copy of the Agreement and Registration Form with your deposit or full payment.

If you have any questions, contact us at (215) 380-4355 or [csa@greengrow.org](mailto:csa@greengrow.org).

## Your CSA Share

We put a lot of thought into what goes into our share, and over the past 8 years, we have been fine-tuning our offerings according to our members' input. We provide a balance of old favorites and new, exciting things to try. We will not overwhelm you with a volume of unusual vegetables that you cannot use, and we try to not give you one thing too many times. If you find something you love, it may not make it into the share again, but you'll be able to purchase it at our Farm Stand.

### In the share every week...

- A seasonal assortment (5-8 items) of locally grown and freshly picked vegetables and 2 fruits from our urban farm, rural farms, and orchards we work with.
- A locally-produced cheese product. Some favorites include LeRaysville's Garlic Cheddar, Shellbark Farm's Fresh Chevre, and Mancuso's handmade Fresh Mozzarella from South Philly.
- Another dairy or protein option. Your choice of either:
  - 2 cups of Pequea Valley yogurt
  - A 1/2 pound of Amish-style butter
  - 1 dozen eggs - pastured, free-range hormone- and antibiotic-free
  - 1 lb of Ray's Seitan made in Northeast Philadelphia
  - 10 oz contain of Tofu from Nature Soy
- **A minimum of 3 times during the 2010 season**, you'll receive \$5 worth of '*Greengrow Bucks*' which you can use at our Farm Market to pick and choose your own selection of produce, cheese, meat, etc; whatever your hungry heart desires. In addition, we are inviting local farmers to set-up their own tables again, so that you will be able to purchase produce directly from the producers.

### In the share throughout the season...

- Sometimes you'll receive a loaf of freshly baked bread from one of several local bakeries, including Metropolitan, Sarcone's, Slow Rise, and Artisan Boulanger Patisserie.
- LinVilla Orchards Apple Cider
- Greensgrow's own "Honey from the Hood"
- Pasta from Superior Pasta
- Prepared dips from Greensgrow. Favorites include: Arugula pesto and Basil pesto.
- An assortment of locally prepared foods
- An favorite amongst everyone: Philadelphia Brewing Co. 6-pack produced here in Kensington

## Full Share and Half Share Options

The full share is not for everyone. Some of you may eat out more often or want a break from cooking, and the half share option is well suited for many one-person households. With a half share, you'll get the same amount of food as a full share, but you'll pick up every other week. We'll let you know when your start date is, and whether you should be picking up on Week A or Week B.

## Work Share

Each season we make available a few Work Shares. For a reduced price on the CSA all you have to do: Work with us to get the shares ready, weed the beds, set out lettuce plants, or whatever else needs to be done around here. Plan to schedule 36 hours of work on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. In order to become a work share you must attend one of the two work share orientations. They are tentatively scheduled for the last weekend of April and in the beginning of May. Work Shares schedules will be at completed at the orientations, so you'll know in advance how to plan around it. In exchange, the full share will cost \$575. Returning Work Share members get first dibs. If you are interested in learning more about this option, please contact us at (215) 380-4355 or [csa@greensgrow.org](mailto:csa@greensgrow.org).

## Cost and Payment

A Full Share: 24 Weeks costs \$775 (\$32.30/week) and Half Share: 13 Weeks costs \$435 (\$33.45/week). You have 2 choices when you pay. You can either pay the full amount in 1 payment or chose to pay in 3 installments. If you chose to pay in 3 installments, please include only the 1<sup>st</sup> payment with your application. In addition, when paying for the CSA, please submit cash or check with your application. Unfortunately, we do not accept a credit card as payment. However, on the application, you will notice a spot for a credit card. We ask for your credit card information in the event you are 30 days delinquent on your payment. Again, we cannot accept a credit card as payment, so please include either cash or a check with your application.

## Thursday or Saturday

You tell us. But speak now and forever hold your peace, 'cause it's one day or the other. You can't switch back and forth, because of the amount of time staff devotes to the CSA *and* the farm stand *and* the nursery, we can't spread ourselves too thin. Thursday's a great day if you like to be ready to cook on the weekend or know you travel on the weekends. Saturday's nice if you know you'll always be stuck at the office late on Thursday or would like to turn your farm visits into a more casual, bring-a-friend sort of experience.

## Pick-Up

The CSA season is 25 weeks long, beginning Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and ending Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Pick up is at the farm located at 2501 E. Cumberland St. You are responsible for arranging the pick-up of for your share on your chosen pick-up day. We will provide a "google group" for anyone interested in sharing rides, swapping pick-ups, or swapping contents of the share. We cannot grant the occasional switch from Saturday to Thursday, so please no, "I'm going out of town Saturday can I come Thursday instead?" Please familiarize yourself ahead of time with other members in your neighborhood via the group or in person, so that when the inevitable happens, you have another option for getting your share (or warn a friend or neighbor who owes you one). If there is an *emergency* and you are unable to pick-up, **PLEASE** contact us as soon as possible by phone. We are often asked if we can deliver CSA shares. The answer is no, because all of the staff at Greensgrow are busy with tasks that take place at the farm.

## Vacation Week

We know there will be times when you need to escape to the beach, mountains, or a family affair. That's why if you sign-up for either a Full Share or Work Share, you will take one 'vacation week' when you do not pick-up your share. To be clear, although the CSA season is 25 weeks long, you will actually only

pick-up 24 shares. We ask that you let us know 2 weeks in advance when you will be out of town, to prevent us from ordering too much food for that week.

### **Newsletter and Recipe Database**

With a chef and a vegan on staff, we have no shortage of recipes and food advice for you. Each week you'll receive a newsletter tailored to that week's share. We'll send it to you electronically, and in pdf format. The newsletter is full of recipes for the more unusual items and new ideas for the old standbys. We'll also give you information and how to store and prepare your food and a little background about its origins. We'll also let you know which things to use first, so you don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the more perishable items. Each winter we also compile the season's recipes into our Online Recipe Database, so that you're never without ideas. Use the database to search for whatever ingredient you may have on hand to pull up recipes calling for that item.

### **Come Party with the Greensgrow Crew**

Each year we host an Opening Party and Orientation for new and returning members. This gives you a chance to see the farm, meet other members, share some local food with us, and learn the pick-up routine. This year, the party will be held at the farm on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – we'll send more details as the date approaches.

If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering at Greensgrow Farm, please contact us. During the season, there is an endless amount of weeding, planting, picking, and marketing to be done. We always appreciate an extra pair of hands. Contact us in advance though, so that we can schedule a time together. Please note that volunteering is not a mandatory part of joining the CSA!

### **What makes our CSA special**

- Our CSA includes items other than produce (pastas, dairy, bread, dips, etc.) The share mimics the way people actually cook and eat, rather than providing just one of the food groups. We've often used the tagline "restaurant-quality" to describe our share, because many of our members recognize farm names and products from eating out at trendy restaurants in town that advertise the fact that they source locally.
- You pick-up at an urban farm. Each week you'll get a chance to observe a working urban farm in action while creating relationships with the Greensgrow staff and like-minded neighbors.
- You can shop at our Farm Stand and Nursery while picking up your share. In addition to the CSA, we carry a quality selection of produce, humanely raised meats, artisan cheeses, breads, locally produced goods, and plants galore.
- You are supporting other initiatives of the Greensgrow Philadelphia Project like our biodiesel production, education programs, community commercial kitchen project, and our low-income CSA.

### **A few final words of wisdom...**

**The CSA is not for everyone. That's why we have a Farm Stand! If you know that you hate trying new things or that you jet-set out of town every single weekend or that you are just too addicted to eating out, you'll probably be much happier visiting our Farm Stand and picking out what you know you'll use. The very same items that we put into the CSA Share are always available for sale that day at the Farm Stand**

# Greensgrow 2010 CSA

## Agreement and Registration Form

### Conditions and Cost

Greensgrow Farms agrees to plant, grow and gather shares of fresh local goods every week for all CSA members for the weeks they are registered during the 2010 season beginning the week of May 27th, 2010. Each weekly share will include the items stipulated in the attached information sheet. It is possible that some crops will partially or wholly fail due to adverse weather conditions or pests. Greensgrow Farm will try its best to replace lost crops with suitable substitutes.

**Full Share:** 24 Weeks costs \$775 (\$32.30/week)    **Half Share:** 13 Weeks costs \$435 (\$33.45/week)

**Work Share:** 24 Weeks costs \$575 (\$23.90/week)

*\*\* requires minimum of 36 hours scheduled work on farm during course of 2010 CSA season \*\**

Payment can be made in full or in 3 installments. (Please see payment terms below.) Payment by cash or check ONLY. Please make checks payable to Greensgrow Farm. Credit card numbers are collected as a back-up for any unpaid balances. Please be advised, we will automatically charge your credit card if your balance is 30 days delinquent.

Pick-up at the farm will be on **Thursdays from 2:00-7:00** or **Saturdays 10:00 to 3:00**. Members agree to pick up their share (or arrange for someone else to pick up) during the times provided, or else forfeit the share. The Greensgrow CSA will run for 25 weeks, beginning Thursday May 27, 2010 and ending Saturday November 13, 2010. **Full Share and Work Share members are required to take one 'VACATION WEEK' when they do not pick-up a share.** Please notify [csa@greengrow.org](mailto:csa@greengrow.org) 2 weeks in advance on your intended vacation week.

**Account Name** – Your account will be established under the name of the main contact person. If you are sharing a share, you can include the email addresses of all other non-household adults involved (see next page). Greensgrow does *NOT* share our contact list with outside parties.

**Main Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your credit card will not be charged unless payments are not received within 30 days of their due date.**

**Account Credit Card**      VISA \_\_\_\_\_      Master Card \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ exp: \_\_\_\_\_ security code: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address(es)** – Please include the email address of the Main Contact person. Also include the email address of other members who would like to receive the weekly newsletter.

**Main Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick-Up Day** – You must choose **EITHER** Thursday **OR** Saturday for the whole season.

*\*\* You cannot choose on a weekly basis \*\**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday Pick-up**–(2:00 to 7:00)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday Pick-up** (10:00 to 3:00)

Are you a returning member to Greensgrow's CSA? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, how did you learn about Greensgrow? \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment terms (indicate one):**

**FULL SHARE – 25 weeks**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Full payment enclosed** (\$775)

\_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> payment enclosed (\$259)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> payment due by July 12<sup>th</sup> (\$258)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **3<sup>rd</sup> payment due by September 13<sup>th</sup> (\$258)**

**HALF SHARE – 13 weeks**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Full payment enclosed** (\$435)

\_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> payment enclosed (\$145)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> payment due by July 12<sup>th</sup> (\$145)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **3<sup>rd</sup> payment due by September 13<sup>th</sup> (\$145)**

**WORK SHARE – 25 week**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Full payment enclosed** (\$575)

\_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> payment enclosed (\$192)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> payment due by July 12<sup>th</sup> (\$192)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **3<sup>rd</sup> payment due by September 13<sup>th</sup> (\$191)**

**Agreement**

I wish to join the Greensgrow CSA for the 2010 season. I have read and understand the conditions above. If for any valid reason I must cancel this agreement, I must contact Greensgrow in **writing**. No “I told some girl at the farm” ways of going about it. **I understand that this is a binding contract and I must fully pay the total amount I signed up for.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Send a copy of this form (keep a copy for your records) and payment to:

**Greensgrow Farm  
Attn: CSA  
2503 E. Firth St  
Philadelphia, PA 19125**

If you have any questions, please contact us at (215) 380-4355 or [csa@greengrow.org](mailto:csa@greengrow.org)