

EDEN'S GARDEN CSA FARM

2015 CSA Commitment Form

HOW TO JOIN... *Please fill-out this form and return this page with first payment.*

- I would like to be a supporter of the farm, and understand that I will share in the risks with the farm & I agree to excuse them for the seasonal mishaps that might occur.
- I understand that some weeks/months will not have produce available due to the weather/season and joining the CSA is not a guarantee of a certain amount of food.
- I understand that each week's produce may be different and is based upon seasonal availability, insects, weather, and other acts of God.
- I understand that I am making an **annual** commitment and that I have the option to pay in 4 equal, quarterly payments DUE January 1st; April 1st; July 1st; & October 1st.
- I understand that my pre-payment helps cover the farm's annual budget of labor costs, fertilizer, seed, equipment, and other expenses, to develop the CSA garden and that NO refunds are available; however, I can cancel at anytime or transfer my share to someone else/back to the farm. No pro-rata available.

DATE

FIRST & LAST NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN - ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER HOME CELL

EMAIL ADDRESS - **BEST ADDRESS FOR UPDATES & NOTIFICATIONS

HOW DID YOU FIND EDEN'S CSA?

IN A FEW WORDS PLEASE SHARE WHY YOU WANT TO DO THIS? HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT CSA FARMING?

WILL PICK UP SHARE AT (CHECK ONE) THE FARM _____ LAKEWOOD
MARKET _____ AMOUNT DUE DEPENDS ON LOCATION (SEE PAGE 3)
HOUSEHOLD PROFILE ADULTS _____ CHILDREN OVER AGE 10 _____ UNDER 10 _____
OMNIVORE ___ VEGETARIAN ___ VEGAN ___ (Please check one)

From time to time we are able to secure other value added products, and have established relationships with other local ranches and farms. Would you be interested in any of these quality products from other local farms that we work with? (Circle all that apply.)

Grass Fed Beef; Pastured Poultry & Eggs; Artisan Soap; Dried Herbs Salmon; Artisan Cheese;
Holiday Heritage Turkey; Local Organic Raw Dairy; Raw Local Honey; (Other) _____

---Please Return This Page with Your Payment---

Signature _____

To become a member, you will need to include your first payment with page 1 and submit as follows... (Please retain pgs 2-4 for your records)

Make checks payable to Eden's Garden

Mail to; PO Box 360004, Dallas, TX 75336-0004

Or

Use the Pay Pal links provided in the informational email you received

We will email you a confirmation upon receipt of payment/application

NO refunds are available; however, you can cancel at anytime, or transfer your share to a friend.

People will be added to the CSA on a first come/first serve order. Once we are full for the year, you can have your place held for the first opening that becomes available. We can send your check back or hold it – as you prefer.

EDEN'S CSA MEMBERSHIP

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is for those committed supporters who make a 12-month commitment to a small farm in return for a share of the seasonal produce from the farm as harvests allow. This helps cover the annual farm operation costs for seed, organic fertilizers, fuel, equipment, labor, greenhouse supplies, etc. Planning & work goes on throughout the year to provide members with an equal share of produce on a weekly basis throughout North Texas' main growing months/seasons. The share of produce is available for pick-up each week during the growing season, weather and harvest permitting.

WHAT WILL EDEN'S MEMBERS RECEIVE?

It is our goal to provide a designated share pick-up of freshly harvested, "Clean", Non-GMO, chemical free, nutritionally dense, delicious vegetables and herbs each week during the growing seasons. During "off-season" or non-distribution weeks, current members paid in full, are generally permitted to schedule a pick your own session in lieu of designated shares.

Our farm grows many different varieties of produce each season; however, a farm's production is always dependent upon the weather. Your share can have, on average, a variety of 5-8 different types of vegetables and herbs each week. A full share is intended to supply a normal family of 4 with food to use in their weekly menu planning.

We typically allow families to pick what they "need for the week", unless, due to production, there is a shortage of an item. In that situation, a specified amount will be posted or pre-bagged at pick up. Additional items for preservation may be available, but should be pre-arranged to assure ample harvest is picked. Occasionally some overage of chef specialty items may be available for a discounted purchase at market.

Our members generally love vegetables and are open to trying new things and share recipes and cooking tips on our CSA's private yahoo-group. Our goal is to deliver seasonal produce as many weeks of the year as the weather will allow, but our goal is to provide at least 34 weeks of produce throughout the year. There are some natural breaks during the late summer and late winter and some seasons may be fewer weeks due to the weather or other uncontrollable factors.

The proposed harvest schedule basically consists of Cool Season and Warm/Hot Season;

FALL/WINTER/SPRING - Scheduled Harvests Planned to Start Mid October - December (with 3 week holiday break and limited harvests during harsh weather)

We plant a mix of summer and winter veggies such as summer & winter squash, peppers,

cucumbers, eggplant, then as it cools down, lettuce, broccoli, chard, carrots, spinach, green onions, arugula, cabbage, kale, beets, turnips, and more!

Winter Break We will harvest from the garden as long as the weather allows, but look for a break of several weeks once ole' man winter arrives after the holiday season. This is when we take a break, and am busy ordering and starting seeds, planting potatoes and onions, etc. & getting spring veggies started! *Current members paid in full are welcome to come "Pick Your Own" by appt. most Friday or Saturday mornings.*

SPRING/SUMMER Harvest Planned to Start in late February or March - July
Again we plan for a wide variety of both cool season and warm season veggies of various varieties to provide you with as many different things each week as we can. Lettuce mixes and heads, broccoli, chard, carrots, spinach, green onions, peas, arugula, cabbage, kale, beets. As the weather warms up, rains fall in the spring, we transition to the warm season foods like squash, cucumbers, heirloom tomatoes and various melons. This is also the time the potatoes, garlic and onions are harvested and we introduce you to some new summer greens, too.

LATE SUMMER - As we can, we'll continue to offer our "pick your own" option throughout the summer months until regular distributions begin again in the fall.

We will take a "dog days of summer" break, depending upon the weather. We take this time to prepare for the fall and focus on the new farm year.

At the farmer's sole discretion, based on availability, field and crop health, "pick your own" may not be available during extreme heat or deep cold/adverse weather.

Our goal is to give you a nice variety of different produce to create an exciting weekly menu from for as much of the year as we can. Some things you may not recognize and we'll try to give you recipe ideas in the newsletter and at pick up.

Ideally, we plan for about 30-34 weeks of designated pick up weeks of seasonal produce and herbs throughout the year, but we don't really count, we just keep harvesting. There is a list of our harvest size goals on our website [here](#). When the yields start to slow down and regular distributions stop, the option for "pick your own" by appointment is generally open to our current paid up members.

Please remember, this is a farm, not the supermarket or a co-op. I will do everything I can to bring you a weekly supply of produce during each season, but ask that you understand there are *no guarantees* in farming.

We also work with other local farmers to supply our members with a variety of quality natural products. One farm can only supply so much. That's why we network with other family farms that, like Eden's, are committed to the highest standards in producing their food and goods.

Eden's coordinates with these farms offering our membership a larger selection of local food throughout the year. Items may include fresh baked products, meats, cheeses, other regional produce, etc.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The annual membership cost varies based on location of pick up.

Members pay four equal quarterly payments due **Jan. 1st, April. 1st, July 1st and Oct. 1st.**

CSA MEMBER SHARE - Pick up @ the Farm in Balch Springs: \$300 (x4) = \$1200/yr

Pick up off the Farm Drop @ The White Rock Market In Lakewood: \$306.25 (x4) = \$1225/yr.

NO refunds are available; however, you can cancel at anytime, or transfer your share to a friend.

WHAT IF I'M OUT OF TOWN ONE WEEK?

You of course can invite a friend or neighbor to pick up your share, just let us know in the event of any changes so we're expecting your guest. The garden still grows and we still need to harvest and storage space is limited at the farm.

WAITING LIST

Each growing season and the annual farm budget are planned in advanced and there is limited space available. Membership is available first-come, first-served until we are full. If farm membership is full at the time you send your Application & Membership Fee, we can return your check or hold it for the first available space. The waiting list may be for up to 6-12 months. **No checks will be accepted without the completed application form.**

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Eden's hosts market day where you can find local artisans as well as farmers, ranchers and producers of value added items such as canned jams, jellies, peppers, sauces, dairy, etc. to help round out your share.

- Eden's CSA members receive a discount on extra produce offered at *Eden's Garden* market day offerings and garden center purchases.
- Advice for your home garden is always
- You will receive a discount on classes offered by others at Eden's and free or "costs only" admission to workshops Eden's holds
- Our CSA members will receive an email weekly updating them with a farm report, a list of what is being harvested, a list of what's coming soon, recipes and cooking tips and other news we think you might find interesting.
- Eden's hosts potluck picnics, family workdays and other events sporadically throughout the year and the farm is open to you and your family for visits, by appointment, for fishing, family picnics, etc., to help you stay connected to the farm.
- *We are currently working on details for a pastured poultry and fresh Alaskan salmon CSA option. Please be sure to circle your interest on page 1 to be included in this option.*

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