

# The Royal Oak Community Farm CSA



www.royaloakcommunityfarm.com

## The Produce

Our season (late May/June - November) supplies members with seasonal, nutritious, fresh and naturally grown vegetables and herbs weekly including:

- Tomatoes
- Eggplant
- Peppers
- Onions
- Cabbage
- Summer Squash
- Zucchini
- Winter Squash
- Spinach
- Brussels Sprouts
- Sweet Potatoes
- Edamame
- Lettuce
- Beets
- Radishes
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Cucumbers
- Leeks
- Peas
- Parsley
- Basil
- Cilantro
- Watermelons
- Cantaloupe
- Potatoes
- Scallions
- Flower Bouquets

## The Share Price

The full share price of \$615 equates to roughly \$23 per week for the freshest and healthiest locally grown produce.

***A limited number of shares are available. Reserve yours now!***

## CSA: Community Supported Agriculture

CSA is a mutually supportive relationship directly between the farmer and those that consume the food. Members pay an up front fee that allows the farmer to address the cyclical nature of farming by assisting in the funding of seed, equipment, labor, etc. In return, members get weekly shares of the freshest, healthiest produce.

## Benefits to the Member

- Access to high quality, fresh food
- Assurance of sustainable growing practices that minimizes risk and supports ample harvest
- A direct relationship with the people growing the food and the land on which its grown
- Resilience from energy driven flux in food prices
- Supporting the local economy: 40% of money spent locally stays local
- Assurance that your food is free from genetic modification

## Benefits to the Farmer

- Crops are pre-sold which helps the farmer make economic and field plans for the year
- No middle man: more of the proceeds return to the farmer, allowing them a viable livelihood doing what the love
- Direct connection to the community: consumers can give direct feed back to the farmer
- Provides a model that enables small farmers to compete in a market dominated by industrial agriculture

## Benefits to the Community

- All profits from the farm will be donated to the Royal Oak Foundation for Public Education



## 2010 Royal Oak Community Farm CSA Membership Agreement



Name (please write legibly!) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did you hear about the Farm? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Would you be interested in volunteering to play a role in the continued success of the community farm? Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

Please indicate which of the following shares you would like to purchase:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full Share (feeds a family of 4): \$615  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Half Share (feeds a family of 2): \$335

\_\_\_\_\_ Total payment

Payment: Please make your check payable to:  
 Royal Oak Forward.

Send to: Royal Oak Forward  
 4000 Crooks Rd. Suite 100-D  
 Royal Oak, MI 48073

## Member Commitment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, commit to membership in the Royal Oak Community Farm for the 2010 harvest season. As a member, I commit to pick up my weekly delivery at the Royal Oak Farmers Market. I understand that if I do not pick up my share it will be donated to a low-income family or an emergency food provider.

## The CSA Share

As a member of the CSA, I understand that my share will vary from week to week and will generally consist of 5 to 10 different seasonal vegetables and a weekly e-newsletter including recipes. The shares will vary in size and weight depending on the time of the season and there will be no guarantee on the exact contents or amount of the share. A share is defined as one member's individual weekly container of vegetables.

One aspect of CSA is that members support their farmer by sharing in the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season) involved in farming. CSA farmers purposely plan for such contingencies, and use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk to members, and optimize the rewards: growing a wide variety of crops that thrive in different types of conditions; cover cropping, crop rotation, and irrigation. Moreover, the CSA builds relationships of trust between the farmer and community group. On a whole, members will get a wide variety of vegetables in plentiful amounts. Therefore, I understand this principle and agree that there is no guarantee on the exact amount or type of produce I will receive in my share. By participating in the CSA, I understand that I am supporting the local farmer as well as more equitable food distribution and that the membership fee is not refundable. With this, I am helping to create a more environmentally just, economically fair and healthy society.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_