

Sandhill Organics

Community Supported Agriculture Information and Registration 2010



About our Farm

Sandhill Organics is located in the heart of Prairie Crossing, a nationally recognized conservation community in Grayslake, Illinois. We began farming in Southern Wisconsin in the spring of 2000 with little more than a pitchfork and a wheelbarrow. With the help of friends and family, Sandhill Organics has become a successful family farm serving more than 300 CSA member families. Our farm is certified organic by Midwest Organic Services Association. We look forward to the opportunity to provide you with fresh, local vegetables and fruits. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

What is Community Supported Agriculture?

The concept of Community Supported Agriculture or CSA originated in Japan in the 1960's. The Japanese word "teikei" translates to "partnership" or, literally, "food with the farmer's face on it". In a world filled with large corporations that manufacture processed foods, CSA represents an opportunity to reconnect people to the land and to their food. Our CSA program provides our friends and neighbors with access to high-quality, organic vegetables and sustainably grown fruits. CSA provides us, the farmers, with a dependable income and a meaningful connection to our customers. The long-term viability of the kind of farming we practice is created through CSA memberships. Members pay a fee at the beginning of the season or in several installments. From May through the end of September, members receive a "share" of the harvest in the form of a weekly box of fresh produce. The boxes are picked up from convenient host sites around the Chicago area. If you are unable to pick up your share on a particular week, please ask a friend or neighbor to pick it up for you. We regret that we are unable to give credit for weeks that you are on vacation, out of town, etc.

Weekly Newsletter

One way that we build community at our farm is by including a newsletter with your weekly produce share. The newsletter is a forum for sharing stories, poetry, news from the farm, and articles relating to agriculture and the environment. We encourage members to become involved by occasionally submitting stories or recipes for the newsletter. To help you make the most of each week's assortment of produce, the newsletter also includes vegetable storage tips and mouthwatering recipes.

Volunteer Opportunities & Festivals

Part of the fun of being a member of a CSA farm is the opportunity to take part in farm work days and festivals. Farm events are publicized in the weekly newsletter. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering at the farm either occasionally or on a regular basis.

Please join us for an adventure in seasonal eating!

On average, produce from our farm makes up approximately ninety percent of the produce in the weekly vegetable box. We collaborate with several other local farmers to create a box that is as varied as possible from week to week. We encourage you to join us for the entire CSA season, from early May through the end of September, in order to truly appreciate the bounty and variety of each of the seasons. For more information on quantity and variety, please visit www.sandhillorganics.com.

Spring Vegetable Season Sold Out (Week of May 3rd—Week of June 7th)

Asparagus and rhubarb are just a few of the treats that you will receive as part of the spring share. Your box will also include tender spring delicacies grown in our greenhouses. These include salad mix, bok choy, endive, arugula, baby turnips, baby chard, spinach, sprouts, dandelion greens, head lettuce, radishes and more.

Summer Vegetable Season (Week of June 14th—Week of Sept 27th)

Over the course of the season you will receive all of the “classic” summer vegetables plus a few new ones that you are sure to enjoy. The list includes basil, beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, celery, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, fennel, garlic, herbs, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, melons, onions, parsley, peas, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, radishes, scallions, spinach, swiss chard, tomatoes, turnips, winter squash, and zucchini. The summer share also includes a modest amount of fruit (strawberries and melons) from time to time. Please consider the fruit share if you would like to receive fruit on a regular basis.

Fresh Fruit Season (Week of June 28th—Week of September 27th)

We are proud to bring our customers the most delicious local fruit available. Throughout the fruit season you will receive assorted seasonal fruits including blueberries, peaches, plums, grapes, nectarines, raspberries, apples, pears, blackberries and more.

Please note that these fruits are not certified organic. They are grown by a friend in Michigan who uses the Integrated Pest Management system. This means that synthetic fertilizers and pesticides are used in the smallest possible quantities in order to minimize the impact on the natural environment. Don't miss out on this opportunity to savor truly delectable fruit and to support a local fruit farmer who cares about your health and the health of the environment.

Please note...

We will do our best to provide you with all of the crops mentioned above. However, crop quantities and varieties may vary due to a number of factors, and certain crops could fail due to weather, insects, or other causes.



Sandhill Organics 2010 CSA Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone & Email _____

Pickup Site (see page 4) _____

Please choose from the following options:

Spring Vegetable Season (Week of May 3rd—Week of June 7th) **Sold Out** ~~\$170.00~~

Summer Vegetable Season (Week of June 14th—Week of September 27th) \$485.00

Fresh Fruit Season (Week of June 28th—Week of September 27th) \$230.00

Please complete the following:

A. Subtotal of Vegetable & Fruit Share(s)..... _____

B. IL Sales Tax _____
(Multiply Line A by 0.0175)

C. Total due..... _____

Please mail this page to:

Sandhill Organics
32140 Harris Road
Grayslake, IL 60030

*Our website is updated on a regular basis. Before mailing in this registration form, **please check the website** to make sure that CSA share are not sold out. Thanks!*
www.sandhillorganics.com



See page 4 for details on how to pay this amount in multiple installments.

Payment Options

1. ***Full Payment Option:*** This works best for us as it allows us to purchase seeds and supplies before the growing season starts. Please make your check payable to *Sandhill Organics*.

2. ***Extended Payment Options:***
 - IF THE TOTAL DUE IS LESS THAN \$500.00, please enclose 1 check for the total due, dated with today's date.

 - IF THE TOTAL DUE IS MORE THAN \$500.00, you may pay in 2 installments. Please enclose 2 checks, dated today's date and March 1st. Each check should equal one-half of the total.

 - IF THE TOTAL DUE IS MORE THAN \$800.00, you may pay in 3 installments. Please enclose 3 checks, dated with today's date, March 1st and May 1st. Each check should equal one-third of the total.

Pick-up Sites

Pick-up is on WEDNESDAYS at the following sites:

- Downtown Barrington (324 E. Liberty St.) 3-8 p.m.

- Glenview (727 Harlem Ave.) 4-7 p.m.

- Lake Forest (370 E. Westminster) 4-8 p.m.

Pick-up is on THURSDAYS at the following sites:

- At the farm in Grayslake (32140 Harris Road) 3-8 p.m.

- Glen Ellyn (537 Hillside Ave.) 3-8 p.m.

- Clarendon Hills (418 Ridge Ave.) 3-8 p.m.

- Oak Park (Buzz Café) 4-7 p.m.

We will send you an email confirmation prior to the start of the season. The confirmation letter will contain details specific to your pick-up site.