

# Cosmic Apple Gardens

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## 2021 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Sign-up Sheet

### What is a CSA?

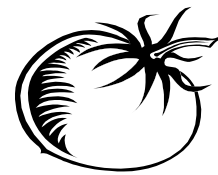
Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) provides a household with a weekly share of vegetables via a membership. People eat seasonally fresh, local veggies by purchasing a farm membership before the season starts. The money allows the farm to purchase seeds, supplies, and make farm improvements.

Time is also allowed for careful planning, a critical step in a farm's success. Membership fees help the farm operate all winter long. When the veggies are ripe, we harvest everything ready on a given day. To

determine a "share" we weigh each item harvested and divide the total weight by the number of members getting a share that day. When a crop is plentiful all members benefit, if a crop fails, the loss is shared. A CSA program benefits the farmer and the consumer.

### How long is the season? What size share should I get?

The Cosmic Apple Gardens CSA program is offering summer vegetable shares for the 24th year! The season is about 16 weeks long, beginning in June. A full share provides weekly vegetables for 2 to 4 people living in one household. A half share is generally enough for 1-2 people. The share contains 5-15 different items, which vary with the season. The season starts with lots of light leafy green things and ends with heavy root crops. For a more specific view of what a share can look like, please explore our web site and find a sample share on our CSA membership page.



### Why Cosmic Apple Gardens?

We are a Certified Organic and Biodynamic Farm located in Victor, Idaho. Our guiding principle at the farm "is to grow the best food possible for the People of the Tetons". We have been farming for 23 years and we are excited to share our bounty with your household. We strive to have a closed loop farming system by creating our own fertility with the farm animals. We are proud to be certified Biodynamic, because we believe Biodynamics can help heal the Earth through agriculture.

### What are my responsibilities?

Much hard work goes into growing, harvesting and preparing the shares. It is the responsibility of the shareholder to pick up their share at the designated day and time. If the share is not picked up in a timely manner, the share is forfeited. It is understood that due to the nature of farming, and the local climate, variety and quantity may vary. As the season progresses, more and more veggies are available.

### More than just veggies!

You will be able to purchase Cosmic Apple Beef and pork, and Lifeline cheese when available at your veggie pick-up.

### How to sign up!

Print this form, fill out page two and mail with a check to the above address. You can also pay online with a credit card. We charge a 3% card fee. The most cost effective way to sign up is to mail payment to us!

Please circle your preference for pick-up day and time. This is the time and place you will pick your share up all season. We cannot guarantee your first choice. Locations and times are filled on a first come first serve basis. We will only hold your space when we receive payment. Sign-up early!

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| <b>Day and Time:</b> | Tuesday, 5-7 pm    | Tuesday, 5-7 pm              | Tuesday, 5-7 pm                  |
| <b>Location:</b>     | SOLD OUT<br>Wilson | SOLD OUT<br>Downtown Jackson | SOLD OUT<br>Cosmic Apple Gardens |

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| <b>Day and Time:</b> | Thursday, 5-7 pm                        | Thursday, 5-7 pm                    | Thursday, 5-7 pm                                 |
| <b>Location:</b>     | Owen Bircher Park<br>Fish Creek, Wilson | 250 E. Broadway<br>Downtown Jackson | 8500 S. 397 E Victor, ID<br>Cosmic Apple Gardens |

**Important Notice:** If your share is not taken on the designated pick-up day and time you will forfeit your share for that week.

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| <b>Postmarked by January 2<sup>nd</sup> :</b>                      | <b>Full Share.....\$573</b> |
|  | <b>Half Share.....\$386</b> |
| <b>Postmarked between Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>-Feb.29<sup>th</sup>:</b> | <b>Full Share.....\$628</b> |
|  | <b>Half Share.....\$441</b> |
| <b>Postmarked after March 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>                      | <b>Full Share.....\$683</b> |
|  | <b>Half Share.....\$496</b> |

**Primary Share Holder's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City and Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

We will use this email to send you your newsletter and farm updates; we will not share it with anyone else! Please write clearly!!!

The shares will be bigger with a weeded garden. We pay our trained volunteers to come weed in their spare time! Would you like to sponsor a weeder? Just add any amount to your check!

**Your signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your membership will be guaranteed when your first payment is cashable. Please send your non-refundable fee to Cosmic Apple Gardens. 30\$ return check fee.**

**To guarantee membership, please send now.**

**Payment Plan:** You may pay in one-month intervals by sending all your pre-dated checks with your first payment. You may spread your payments out over a four-month period (two months for ½ shares). Write four checks (two checks for ½ shares) and send them with your sign-up sheet. Pre-date each check one month apart starting with the first of the month. Send all checks with your registration. Your first check must be cashable immediately. Payment Plan check amounts:

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| By Jan. 2nd-Full share \$143.25 X 4 | Jan 3rd-Feb. 29-Full Share \$157 X 4 | March 1 <sup>st</sup> -May 1 <sup>st</sup> -Full Share \$170.75 X 4 |
| Half share \$193 X 2                | Half Share \$220.50 X 2              | Half Share \$248 X 2  |

**Splitting a full share:** We plan our drop-off points according to the number of people we expect to arrive, this includes parking, which is limited. When more people arrive than expected, it congests the scales, and makes your pick-up time longer. More importantly, when we bring items such as cabbage or head lettuce, full shares often receive one large head and half shares receive one small head. It is the responsibility of the shareholder to take the correct amount of produce. Taking more is stealing from other members. To split a full share, follow these guidelines: Send only one person to the pick-up site. Split your share away from the scales. Take only what is offered for your share size. If your co-shareholder wants an e-mailed newsletter please provide their e-mail address and name.

**Co-shareholder's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-shareholder's e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_