



We seek to grow the best possible food for the people who live here.

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## 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 22nd 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 22 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.

## 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.

## HOW TO SIGN UP!

**Online:** Use the online form and use online a credit card to pay, a 3% fee will apply. The most cost effective way to sign up is to mail payment to us.

**Mail:** Print out a form from the "Join by Mail" Link, fill out page two and mail with a check to:- Cosmic Apple Gardens - P.O. Box 775, Victor, ID 83455