

2016 Granor Farm CSA Guidelines & FAQs

Thank you for your interest in joining the 2016 Organic CSA at Granor Farm! In this document we have outlined the guidelines for participation in the CSA and what you can expect Granor Farm to offer it's CSA members this season. If you still have questions please feel free to email Katie@granorfarm.com

Pick-up Locations:

We offer a range of locations for people to pick up their CSA shares. When registering for your CSA you will be asked to choose your preferred pickup location from the options listed below:

- Granor Farm, Three Oaks, MI Fri/Sat/Sun during farmstand hours
- Local, New Buffalo, MI Friday 11-6
- St. Joseph Farmer's Market, MI Saturday during market hours (pickup at Granor Farm after Oct. 17th)
- Whistlestop Grocery, Union Pier MI Friday 12-7
- Chicago, Lincoln Park 1237 W Fullerton Tuesday 3pm-8pm
- Chicago, Logan Square Intelligentsia Tuesday 3pm-8pm

The Granor Farm and St. Joseph pick up locations are "market style" where you will be able to choose your own items. All other locations receive a pre-packaged share that represents the diversity of produce that we grow.

If you cannot pick up your share:

If you are not able to pick up your share at the designated place/time, there are two options. First, you may ask someone else to pick up the share on your behalf. This is likely the easiest option for you and for the farm. Second, if you foresee an upcoming scheduling conflict, you may contact the farm AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE to select another option for picking up your share. We cannot make adjustments to the delivery schedule without advanced notice, but will try to meet your request with the proper advanced notice. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate last minute changes.

Communications:

In addition to your vegetables, Granor Farm will provide you with a weekly newsletter via email. Emailed newsletters will include farm activities, invitations to on-farm events, information on how to store and prepare a highlighted vegetable, and doses of kitchen inspiration straight from the Granor Farm kitchen and around the web. We hope that in addition to receiving fresh seasonal

vegetables, you will learn a bit about the farm, the process of farming organically and develop your skills in the kitchen. You can also find regular updates and pictures on our Facebook page.

Payments:

When you sign up for your CSA share, you have two payment options:

- 1) Pay online via Paypal (small fee is included)
- 2) Send us a check in the mail to 3480 Warren Woods Rd Three Oaks MI

If you decide to cancel your participation in our 2016 CSA, only 20% of your total share is refundable until June 1st. After June 1st we do not cancel CSA memberships, but you may sell or transfer your share to someone else.

Cleanliness & Food Safety:

Hygiene and cleanliness are very important to us as we grow and handle our products. Our employees receive training about on-farm food safety and are regularly reminded to follow recommended practices. All crops grown at Granor Farm will go through some degree of washing, trimming, and sorting so that only the best produce goes out to our customers. Upon harvest, we wash produce to cool it and to remove excess soil from it. However, we DO NOT sell our vegetables as washed, ready to eat products. Please take the time to learn basic food safety practices for your home kitchen, and be prepared to wash your Granor Farm veggies.

An Open Mind:

An open mind is important in many aspects of life, and CSA membership is definitely one of them. It can be a challenge to adapt to eating seasonally from local vegetables, but we hope that being a CSA member will be an educational, fun and delicious experience. Depending on the vagaries of weather and pests, it's possible that your favorite crops will be in short supply. However, on a diversified vegetable farm, when some crops struggle, there are always other crops doing well. We ask that you be open to new vegetables and open to understanding both the joys and the risks of farming.

FAQs:

As a CSA member, what can I expect from the Granor Farm CSA program?

With a Granor Farm CSA share, you will receive scheduled "shares" of organic produce grown by us on our 25 acre farm in Three Oaks, Michigan. We grow a wide range of organic vegetables and culinary herbs, as well as some flowers and fruits. According to your chosen CSA options, a CSA member may receive up to 60 different crops throughout the season, with

hundreds of varieties represented in your share. Please see our CSA Share Options for description and pricing of our CSA.

When will the CSA start and end?

The Chicago CSA will last for 20 weeks from late June/early July- early November. The Michigan CSA will last for 22 weeks from late June/early July- mid November. With our heavy soils and irregular spring weather, it can be a challenge to predict when crops will be available. We will contact our CSA members in early May 2015 for the exact dates of the CSA based on the progress of our crops.

If I do not choose Granor Farm as my pickup location will I still be able to visit the farm?

Yes! The farm is open to the public from Memorial Day to mid-November, Friday 1-5pm, Sat/Sun 11-5pm (closed Sundays after Labor Day). Staff will be available at the Farm Store to greet you. We will have self guided tours so you can enjoy the farm and learn about how we grow food here. Throughout the season we will also be hosting formal tours led by our Farm staff and will invite CSA members for potluck dinners and other events.

Will I be able to plan my meals for the week before getting my CSA share?

We will be sending CSA newsletters out in advance of the CSA pick up day. This will list what products you can expect in your CSA share, and give you a jump on menu planning for the week.

Can I choose what's in my share?

The Granor Farm and St. Joe Farmer's Market pickup locations are "market style" where you can choose which produce you'd like each week. Otherwise, shares will be pre-packaged and based on seasonal availability.

Do you provide recipes?

Our CSA newsletter includes a weekly recipe that features a specific veggie in your CSA. We also include ideas for how to prepare certain vegetables, recommended books and resources, links to great food writing, and links to recipes from around the Internet. You can also follow us on Facebook for regular updates of what we are cooking in the farm kitchen.

Can I make changes to my CSA membership after deliveries have started?

We will not refund CSA shares after deliveries have started. However, if you would like to make adjustments to your CSA membership, please email katie@granorfarm.com