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Yahweh's Farm We grow Certified Organic Produce 2016-17 Join our seventh season for our Food to U Basket Program CSA

What Is CSA

CSA originated in Japan in 1960'S and Europe in 1970's and began in the United States in the 1980's. This "movement" provides a direct link between consumers and farmers. The goal of this relationship is to provide solutions to the problems of small farm survival, food quality, nutrition, community building, sustainably and quality of life. This direct marketing method can benefit both farmer and consumer in many ways.

Growers typically contract directly with customers, who are called "members" and who have agreed in advance to buy a minimum amount of produce at a fixed price, but have little or no investment in the farm itself. Whatley in the early 1980's, a grower could maintain small farm profits by selling low cost memberships to customers who then were allowed to harvest crops at below market prices.

How it Works at Yahweh's Farm

We provide a basket of vegetables weekly or bi-weekly for a growing season. Season starts each September when members sign up. We grow based on the number of member who Join each year. Our farm CSA helps you eat more fruits and vegetables and helps financially support Yahweh's Farm. We grow a variety of vegetables and as each crop comes in, throughout the growing season, the members receive their share once a week (or bi weekly). The size of shares varies in quantity and variety. We provide 6-8 different vegetables. The amount is based on a family four (two adults with two children). Each year we make a plan for continual harvest for our members. We plan, prepare, plant, harvest and package for delivery of fresh picked vegetables for you to have each week. You may receive vegetables you would not find in your local groceries. We will have fruit to your basket each week.

How much does it cost to become a member? The cost is only \$25.00 per week for the vegetables

Season is 6months: 15 weeks \$375.00 30 / 30 weeks \$750.00 paid in advance

*Price Conditions:

Vegetable share cost is \$25 per week delivered to our community pickup site.

Additional fees

- 10.00 deposits for insulated bags, refunded at end of season upon return of bag
- \$5-10.00 dollars per delivery for Home / office deliveries, price depending on location (home and office deliveries have mileage limitations)
- Monthly fee payment option has an additional charge one time charge of 50.00 dollars.

Why is CSA better than grocery store produce?

CSA is great for the farmer, who gets a secure income from CSA, and it is great for the consumer who gets fresh seasonal certified organic produce. Provides a fair priced: certified organic, fresh produce at its optimal flavor. Your food will only have traveled less than 50 miles to your table.

We grow over 70 different varieties of fruits and vegetables more Certified Organic varieties than you can find at any local grocery market. Our produce is harvested just hours before you received it unlike the one you purchase at the local market that are weeks old. You know who grew your food unlike the one you purchase at the local grocery store. Can you say it is truly organic, if you know your farmer you could? You also help the local economy by purchasing a CSA you help increase small farm jobs.

Benefits of CSA Memberships

- Regular deliveries of fresh, Certified Organic local produce
- Pre-purchasing locks in your food cost ahead of time.
- Farm-to-Table delivers guarantee produce at its peck flavor
- . You Know Your farmer behind your food

- Don't have to guess what the farm practices are when you know your farmer
- Increase variety, not available in grocery stores

Our Pledge

We, Saul and Diana, at Yahweh's All Natural Farm and Garden commit to provide our members with locally grown, Certified Organic produce. We understand that as a member, you are investing in advance to our farm. On occasion we may add produce from another Certified Organic Farmer.

We cannot guarantee eggs sales because it depends only on chicken to supply. Our chickens are free ranch chickens; they are free to roam our farm to find their own protein.

Membership

As a member you support the farm operation and you share in the risks and benefits of our food production. Your advance financial support cover the anticipated cost of the farm and farmer's salary In return, you receive a share of the bounty throughout the growing season, as well as the satisfaction gained from reconnecting to the land and participating directly in food production and environmental protection of natural resources and nature. Members also share in the risk of farming, including poor harvest due to unfavorable weather or pest.

How do I Sign-up?

Read, Completed application and signed agreement choose your drop location, mail check and signed application to 19741 Morris Rd Harlingen TX 78552.

*Monthly payments are made with postdated checks for each month of the season. Payments per month depend on weeks in that months.

Shares are limited so sign up early and secure your share

Mailing address

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RULES:

MEMBER SHARES THAT ARE NOT PICKED UP WILL NOT BE REFUNDED OR MADE UP, UNLESS IT IS FAULT OF THE FARMER

The member agrees to pick up weekly produce shares at the agreed upon time and location. If the member does not pick up produce or does not designate another person for pickup, Yahweh's All Natural Farm and Garden may donate the produce. Members splitting a share must do so on their own. Yahweh's all Natural Farm and Garden will not be responsible for payment or distribution when a share is split between parties. Likewise, Yahweh's All Natural Farm and Garden will not be involved in disputed between parties splitting shares. . Member shares will be picked up at specified location for the life of the share designed on the agreement.

****RULES: delivery container

Members will be given one insulated bag. Their vegetables will to delivered in a box with a bag inside, members are to remove the plastic bag containing vegetables and leave box at the drop of location. You may take the plastic bag of vegetabes place it in your insulated bag to take your vegetables home.

Insulated bags returned at the end of the season to receive deposit back.

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Anticipated start time November 2, 2016

11am to close _____

Community Supported Agriculture Application Agreement

Community Supported Agriculture Food to You Baskets Season 2016-17

I would like to be a shareholder in the Yahweh's CSA program. I have read and agree to follow guidelines and I agree to be understanding of circumstances (acts of God) that the farmer and participating farmers have no control over.

Yahweh's All Natural Farm and Garden may in some occasion use produce from other farmers with the same practices as Yahweh's farm.

Name _______Address _______

Email address _______

Phone ______ cell# ______ can you receive text? _____

What is the best way to contact _______
30 weeks ______ 15 weeks ______

Pick up location Locations

McAllen, Harlingen, Weslaco, Brownsville, Mission, Edinburg

Harlingen

Thursday _____ Saturday _____ @ HOPE house 19833 Morris Rd

McAllen

Wednesdays

Major Health Food Store 1001 S 10th St # A, McAllen, TX 78501

Salt or House Wine Restaurant McAllen, TX 78501
Mission Bryan house 1113 E. Mile 2 Road
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Weslaco
Fonterra Audubon 1101 south Texas Blvd. Wes78596
<u>Brownsville</u>
To be determined
<u>Edinburg</u>
Nature Center 714 S Raul Longoria Rd, Edinburg, TX 78542

Payment methods

The share cost is \$25 per week 15 weeks (6months bi monthly) 375.00 30 weeks (6months) 750.00

Monthly

25.00 Per week (example 4x25.00, 5x25.00 or bi- monthly is 2x25.00) how every many weeks in the month paid one month in advance.

* Monthly: payments have a onetime <u>50.00</u> additional charge for processing/registration at signup. **Returning members will not have to pay a registration fee

Refund Policy

^{*}Home/ office deliveries are available special requirements and fees

No refunds after 30 days of membership.

Member loses share if misses three consecutive pickups

No deliveries will be made without payments.

No deliveries on unscheduled days unless due to bad weather or farmer emergency

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Membership Pledge

I/We the member(s) appreciate locally grown, chemical and pesticide free produce and want to ensure that it remains available in the area by becoming a participant in the Yahweh's All Natural Farm and Garden CSA Farm to you Basket program. I/We understand that the farmers, Saul and Diana, pledge to do their best to provide the fruit, vegetables, and herbs they produce at the times they estimate and are of the highest quality possible. However, as a shareholder in both the bounty and the risk, I understand that nature ultimately decides what I will receive and when I will receive it. In the unlikely event of dissolution of the CSA by the operators, refunds will be issued on pro-rated basis within 60 days of the date of dissolution. *Please advise us if you have any produce allergies.

We do our best to inspect your produce we package to in any pest, but we are certified organic and we do not use herbicides so we suggest you wash and inspect your produce before use. A teaspoon of vinegar in our wash helps.

Transfer of share

Once CSA begins, Members may transfer ownership of their share with prior notification of the CSA operator and provided that the new owner uses the same pickup location as the previous one. Any prospective purchaser of the share must fill out the application and sign a copy of the agreement, before transfer is finalized.

Financial agreement for sale of share is the holder's responsibility.

I have read and agree to the terms conditions. By signing this agreement I am entering into a partnership with CSA farm and pledge my support to the farmers while a member. Any farming venture such as crop failure, extreme weather conditions, etc.

Sign	date
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