



Community Supported Bushels

The “Story”

One warm, August evening, I sat on our porch shelling peas from a bushel placed at my feet. While, looking down at that bushel of peas, I thought of all the other “bushels” I pick during the summer. In fact, for my family of four, I usually “put away” a bushel worth of each veggie for the winter: a bushel of peas, a bushel of beans, a bushel of carrots, a bushel of beets etc...

I shared this observation with Kevin, and together we began to discuss how more people were looking for ways to support local agriculture including opportunities to purchase larger volumes of farm produce at a good value. Eureka! The Community Supported Bushel idea sprang forth: a new option for people looking for local, sustainably grown, food for a fair price.

-Jodi Belluz



Why choose a Community Supported Bushel share?

Our Community Supported Bushel concept works within the Community Supported Agriculture model. Your support prior to the season helps us when we encounter the bulk of our expenses and have to borrow money to finance the growing season.

A C.S.B. share lets you:

- Choose what fruit and/or veggie you want to fill your “bushel share” – choose one fruit or veggie, or combine a max. of 2 different kinds.
- Choose when you want it during the season.
- Save 15% while helping support a local farm

It's a convenient system for people interested in enough produce to use for both fresh eating AND storage for year-round local eating.

C.S.B. Advantages:

- Often better value than most grocery stores – especially if you pick your own!
- More choice – only fruits & veggies that you want, when you want them.
- Eating locally out of season - by planning ahead to store or preserve.
- Family involvement on a local farm that employs local community members.

How it Works:

1. You decide how many C.S.B. shares you would like for this harvest season (late June to the end of October). Each “bushel share” costs \$50 but is redeemable for \$60 worth of fruits and/or veggies at our farm.
2. When redeeming your share, you can combine up to a max. of 2 different fruits or veggies to “fill your bushel” (NEW this year). The full value of each share must be redeemed at one time.
3. You can keep in touch with our website, and you'll also receive a monthly C.S.B. e-letter with up to date crop information so you can plan when you'd like to get the produce you want.
4. Choose whether to pick your own (better value, but not available for all of the things we grow) and/or order Fresh Picked produce. Fresh Picked items should be ordered in advance to ensure availability. However, due to weather variability, we can only take orders a few days ahead.

Fine Print:

There are no guarantees that a specific item will be available – this is part of the “community shared” uncertainty of agriculture. We grow a lot of variety, though, so there’s always something!

Shares are only for sale until June 30th, 2010. The earlier you buy, the more you can help us prepare for the upcoming growing season.

All shares must be redeemed before October 31st. Peak availabilities are July to mid-September.

Call 475-5181 for the most up to date '**Fresh Picked**' (ready to eat) or '**Pick Your Own**' Info. For weekly reminders and tips find Belluz Farms on Facebook and Twitter!

<i>Approximate Harvest Time</i>	<i>Fresh Product</i>
Mid May - Late July	Bedding Plants , Containers, Transplants
Mid May - End August	Lettuce and Mixed Greens, Herbs
Mid May – End October	Local Meats, Gouda Cheese, Various Ontario Farm Products and more...
Early July - Early August	Strawberries
Late July & August	Raspberries
Mid July & August	Saskatoons & Gooseberries
Mid July & August	Peas – snap, snow and edible pod
August	Cucumbers , Dill, Garlic, Yellow & Green Beans
August & Early September	Sweet Corn , Carrots, Beets, Baby Potatoes, Blueberries
August & Early September	Tomatoes, Peppers, Muskmelons, Watermelons
September – Mid Winter	Pumpkins, Winter Squash , Fall Decorations, Garlic, Specialty Potatoes, Carrots
Spring and Fall	School Tours

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