

LANGTON GREEN COMMUNITY FARM

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CSA MEMBER HANDBOOK

2024 SEASON

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**LANGTON
GREEN**

Growing together.

WHAT IS A 'CSA'?

Community Supported Agriculture, or CSA, ties together farmers and consumers by creating a **shared-abundance / shared-loss dynamic**. In exchange for your season-long commitment to pay for and receive our produce, we commit to providing you with a consistent supply of fresh, quality produce options.

Typically, CSAs involve members paying for their share before the season begins. Then throughout the season, members receive fruits and vegetables selected by their farmer.

You can sign up for a share of our CSA on our website!



CSAs help strengthen local food systems by providing a guaranteed income for small-scale farmers, and encouraging a relationship between consumers and producers.



OUR CSA PROGRAM

Our CSA is driven by our dual commitments to **sustainable agriculture** & increasing the **affordability and accessibility** of fresh, nutritious produce

LGCF practices **care farming** on our regenerative, small-scale farm. We provide meaningful employment and horticultural therapy to adults with disabilities through our programming.

Historically, LGCF donated its produce to our residential facilities as well as multiple food pantries throughout our community. The 25 member CSA program we're offering this year is in addition to an equivalent **50 shares given for free** to the adults we serve and community food pantries. The CSA provides unrestricted funds for our operations, and allows us to expand our impact, reach, and community.

LGCF's goal has always been to increase food access among historically marginalized groups. The payment tiers allows CSA members with more disposable income to pay extra and increase food access in their community, while allowing those experiencing financial or personal hardship to access our produce for free at various community food pantries. **Sign up at <https://lgfarm.localfoodmarketplace.com> in March!**

WHAT'S IN MY SHARE?



We offer half and full size shares. The half size share includes 4-5 items per box and the full size share includes 8-10 items per box. Each box will be at least \$30 in value, often more!

Our CSA runs for 21 weeks from the first full week of June through the last full week of October. Our members only pay for 20 weeks of produce. Our members only pay for 20 weeks of produce. We intend to provide all of our customers with exceptional value every week, but due to the uncertainties of agricultural efforts there may be times when forces beyond our control limit our harvest yield. By providing distribution for an extra week (and some extras along the way), we can ensure that we're providing that value in each share.

SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Beets, bok choy, broccolini, cucumbers, cabbages, carrots, herbs, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, luffah sponges, onions, radishes, summer squash, turnips, strawberries	Beets, beans, bok choy, bouquets, broccolini, cucumbers, carrots, eggplants, fennel bulbs, garlic, groundcherries, herbs, leeks, melons, okra, onions, sweet & hot peppers, radishes, summer squash, onions, tomatoes, blackberries	Bouquets, broccolini, bok choy, garlic, herbs, kale, lettuce, luffah sponges, mizuna, okra, onions, sweet & hot peppers, pumpkins, radishes, summer squash, tomatoes, turnips, winter squash

OTHER PERKS

- Visit the farm to take a tour, meet the animals, and connect with your farmers.
- Enjoy a weekly newsletter with your box's contents and our staff's favorite seasonal recipes.
- Early sign-up to pick your own blackberries for free in July! (Spaces are limited)
- first consideration for addition of an egg share, winter share, or any other value added products that become available

PAYMENT TIERS



Market Share	Giving Share
<p>\$600 (full size) \$300 (half size)</p>	<p>\$800 (full size) \$400 (half size)</p>
<p>The full-size share costs \$30 / week and is the standard market price for a membership. The half-size share is \$15 / week. This share represents the true cost of our produce.</p>	<p>The full-size costs \$40 / week and is the subsidizing price for a membership. The half-size share is \$20 / week. If your financial and personal situation allows it, this share helps fund our donated shares.</p>

We created these tiers with financial accessibility and solidarity in mind. To do so, we considered the median household income in Anne Arundel County, the average cost of fruits and vegetables for Maryland families, and the number of portions in each share.

Regardless of the payment tier you select, these CSA shares help us afford to donate an equivalent 50 shares to our larger community. Sign up at <https://lgfarm.localfoodmarketplace.com> in March!

Having trouble deciding which share price is right for you? [Hatch & Bloom](#) offers a helpful questionnaire. We also recommend [Phillies Bridge Farm Project](#)'s explanation and guidance for tiered CSA pricing.

CSA DETAILS

PAYING FOR YOUR SHARE

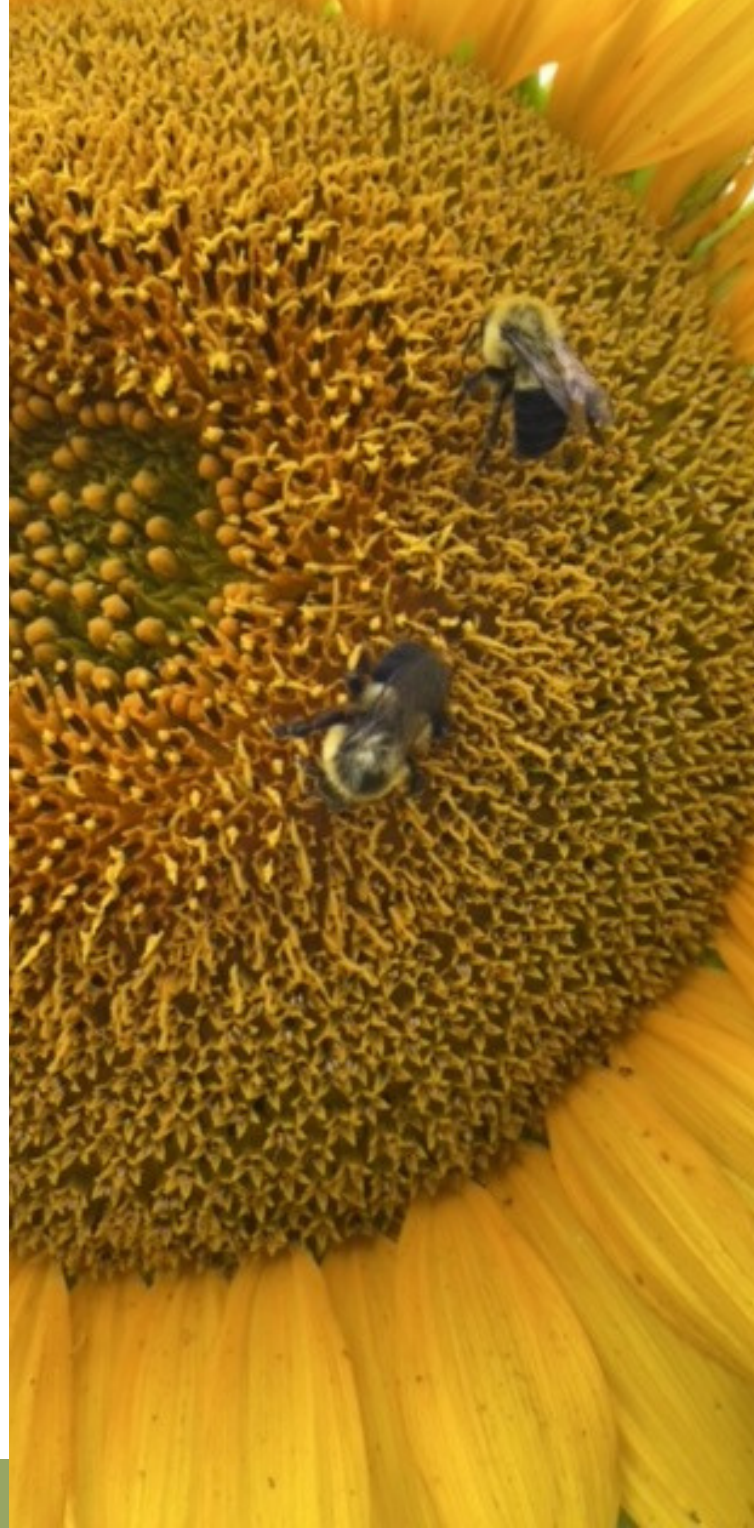
We offer payment plans, regardless of your share's size or tier. You can pay in-full before the start of the season. We encourage this option for those who can afford it. You can also pay in four monthly installments at the start of each month, or pay each week during pick-up. We are working on accepting EBT and alternate payments methods. Details will be announced as those methods become available.

A first payment is required at sign-up time. If you opt into a payment plan, you will be charged at pick-up for the following week or month, depending on your plan.

PICKING UP YOUR SHARE

We are working with multiple community organizations to offer as many pick-up locations to our members' as possible. We will have one pick-up location in Millersville at the farm, one location in Annapolis, and one in north AA county and/or Baltimore City. When you sign up for your share, you can indicate pick-up preferences. You will be able to choose your desired pick-up location. We will confirm your pick-up date shortly after.

Pick-up days, times, and locations will be the same each week. We will pack your share into a reusable cardboard box. Please return your box each week. There is no penalty if you forget, but it reduces our costs and waste! At your chosen pick-up location, your box will be in cold storage. Please check next to your name on the sign-in list to indicate that you've picked up your share.



CSA POLICIES

01. MISSED PICK-UP

If you don't pick up your share on any given week, it will be donated to one of our partner organizations.

02. CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS

If you need to cancel your membership (due to moving out of state, financial hardship, etc.), you can transfer your share over to a friend, or we will donate the remainder of the shares. You will be refunded for any remaining shares.

We will handle all refund requests on a case-by-case basis. We will offer an accommodation or refund after reviewing the situation.

03. RESCHEDULING / MAKING CHANGES

If you cannot make your pick-up time on any given week, please let us know at least 3 days in advance. You can double-up on your share at a later time, have a friend pick up your share, or donate its contents.

Changes your chosen size, pick-up dates or locations, or payment tiers after you sign up for the CSA are managed on an individual basis. We will try to help if problems arise, but we don't guarantee changes will be possible. By joining (linked on our website), you acknowledge that you have read and understand these policies.



FAQS

HOW DO I SIGN UP? 01.

Visit our online storefront at <https://lgfarm.localfoodmarketplace.com> beginning in March. You can sign up for a share, select a payment option and/or plan, and indicate pick-up preferences there.

If you have any questions, please email farminfo@langtongreen.org. We'd love to talk with you!



WHAT IF I ONLY WANT CERTAIN VEGETABLES? 02.

Our CSA is farmer's choice style, meaning each box will be a surprise. Our experienced farm crew will carefully and thoughtfully fill your share with seasonality and diversity in mind.

We love feedback, so please let us know your favorite and least favorite items. But we encourage you to try each item we include!

WHAT SAFETY MEASURES DO YOU TAKE 03.

At the beginning of each season, our Farm Manager leads our crew in trainings related to food safety, proper washing & storage procedures, and hygiene in the field. That being said, please wash your produce items before consuming!

While we are not certified organic, we follow organic methods and principles to reduce environmental and consumer damages.

CONTACT US

Please email farminfo@langtongreen.org with questions, comments, or concerns. You're also welcome to visit our farm during our normal operating hours.

We can't wait to share our produce with you!

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Monday - Saturday
9AM - 3PM

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