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# CSA MEMBER HANDBOOK

**2025 SEASON** 

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# What is a "CSA"?

Community Supported Agriculture, or CSA, provides consumers an opportunity to partner with a local farm and secure a wide range of local and seasonal produce. 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 is driven by our dual commitments to sustainable agriculture & increasing the affordability and accessibility of fresh, nutritious produce.

Langton Green Community Farm (LGCF) practices care farming on our regenerative, small-scale farm. We provide meaningful employment and horticultural therapy to adults with disabilities through our programming. Additionally, our farm serves our community as a site for a wide range of events and activities throughout the year as well as opportunities for members of the public to interact with sustainable agricultural practices, flexible volunteer opportunities and some really cute livestock.

Historically, LGCF donated its produce to the residential facilities that our agency has operated for over 40 years, as well as multiple food pantries throughout our community. Our Community Supported Agriculture shares are scaled to provide the farm with working capital that enables us to continue to provide at least twice as much produce to local organizations and communities of need as donations. Your CSA purchase provides us with unrestricted funds for our operations, and allows us to expand our impact, reach, and community through our ongoing produce donations.

Sign up online at: Igfarm.localfoodmarketplace.com

# 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 6-8 items per box. Each box will be at least \$30 in value, often more.

Our CSA runs for 20 weeks from the first full week of June through mid-October. 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. We will communicate changes as quickly as we're able, and will work to find alternate products or opportunities to ensure that we're providing value in each share.

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

#### **OTHER PERKS**

- You can visit Langton Green Community Farm, where we practice therapeutic care farming, take a tour, meet our livestock, and connect with your farmers.
- Enjoy our newsletter sent to you with your box's produce contents and our staff's favorite seasonal recipes.
- Priority sign-up for Pick-Your-Own strawberries in the spring and blackberries this summer! (Spaces are limited). Also, first consideration for addition of an egg share, holiday share, or any other value-added products that become available.
- Our CSA customers receive first-notice and consideration for new items available for sale as well as all mini-season and cool weather CSA opportunities.

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# **Payment Options**

#### Please visit us online for pricing: LangtonGreenfarm.com

- Returning CSA members can renew for 2025 at 2024 rates!
- Click n Pick! This season we're offering you the option to choose additional produce every week through the Local Food Marketplace website.

We created our payment 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.

Learn more about our Market Share options and choose the share that is right for you!

Sign up online at: lgfarm.localfoodmarketplace.com

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 infull 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**

Pick up locations and times will be announced annually. Our Millersville farm is the primary pick-up site, but we are actively looking for community partners in the area that may be willing to serve as pick-up locations. As options become available, we will contact our CSA members to offer those choices. 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 pick-up location, your box will be in cold storage. Please check off 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. SKIPPED WEEKS**

We do not issue refunds for skipped weeks. With at least two weeks notice, we can double your box at a time of your choosing. You can also choose to donate the contents of your box on any given week with advance notice.

#### 03. RESCHEDULING

If you cannot make your pick-up time on any given week, please let us know at least three 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.

#### 04. CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS / MAKING CHANGES

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.

Changes to 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?**

Visit our online storefront at lgfarm.localfoodmarketplace.com. You can sign up for a share, select a payment option and/or plan.

# WHAT IF I ONLY WANT CERTAIN VEGETABLES?

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. We encourage you to try each item we include!

# WHAT SAFETY MEASURES DO YOU TAKE?

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.



# **CSA Contact**

Look for updates about our produce, fun events —and more via our e-news updates and on the Farm's Facebook page. If you have any questions, please email farminfo@langtongreen.org. We'd love to talk with you!

#### **Langton Green Community Farm**

**Monday - Saturday 9AM - 3PM** 

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# Thank You!







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