

Arcana CSA Membership Questionnaire

What are your top-five favorite veggies?

Are there vegetables on our crop availability list that you are unfamiliar with, but would like to learn how to prepare?

Are there certain types of recipes you'd like to see, or any you'd like to share in the newsletter?

Are there vegetables that you love but don't see on the crop availability list?

What additional locally-produced items would you be interested in if we can offer them through partner farms?

Other ideas ???

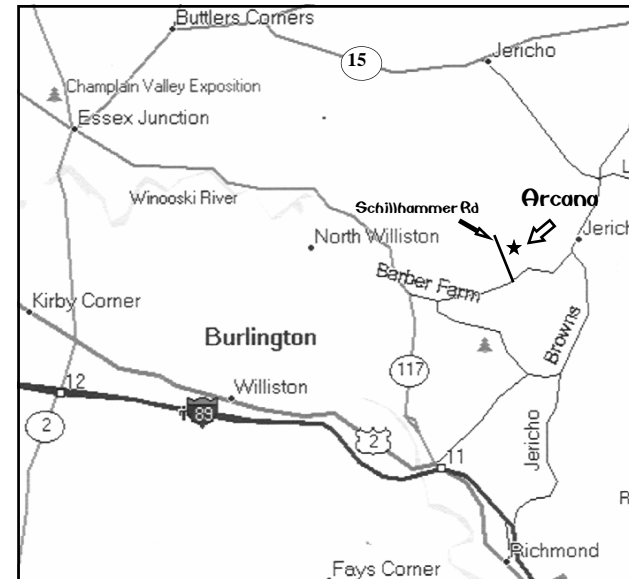
Please include your Email address:

CSA Crop Availability List

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Crops					
Beans (bush)	N	Y	Y	S	N
Beets	N	S	Y	Y	Y
Blueberries	N	S	Y	Y	N
Broccoli	S	Y	Y	Y	S
Brussels Sprouts	N	N	N	Y	Y
Carrots	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cauliflower	N	S	Y	Y	S
Corn - Sweet	N	S	Y	S	N
" " - Ornamental	N	N	N	Y	Y
Cucumbers	Y	Y	Y	Y	S
Eggplant	S	Y	Y	S	N
Flowers	S	Y	Y	Y	S
Garlic	N	S	Y	Y	Y
Gourds	N	N	N	Y	Y
Kale	N	S	Y	Y	Y
Kohlrabi	S	Y	Y	Y	S
Leeks	N	S	Y	Y	Y
Lettuce (Head)	S	Y	Y	Y	S
Mesclun	Y	Y	Y	Y	S
Onions	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Peas/Snow peas	Y	Y	N	N	N
Peppers - Hot	N	S	Y	Y	S
Peppers - Sweet	S	Y	Y	Y	S
Potatoes	N	S	Y	Y	Y
- New	S	Y	Y	N	N
- Fingerling	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Pumpkins	N	N	N	S	Y
Radishes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scallions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shallots	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Spinach	Y	N	N	S	Y
Squash-Summer	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Squash-Winter	N	N	N	S	Y
Swiss Chard	N	Y	Y	Y	S
Tomatillos	N	S	Y	Y	S
Tomatoes	S	S	Y	Y	S
Melons	N	N	Y	Y	N
Strawberries	Y	Y	N	N	N
Herbs					
Basil	S	Y	Y	Y	S
Chives	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cilantro	S	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dill	N	Y	Y	Y	N
French Tarragon	Y	Y	N	N	S
Garlic Chives	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Greek Oregano	Y	Y	Y	S	S
Mint (many types)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Parsley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rosemary	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sage	Y	Y	Y	Y	S
Savory	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Sweet Marjoram	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Thyme	Y	Y	Y	Y	S

Arcana is located in Jericho Center Vermont, between Richmond and Essex.

Follow Barber Farm Road 1 mile from Rt. 117 (River Road), then 300 yards up Schillhammer Road.



Arcana was founded in 1993 in Jericho Center, on a piece of land which has been cultivated for over 275 years.

Our goal is to provide a source for unusual produce, culinary, medicinal and decorative plants using organic farming techniques. We are certified by VOF (Vermont Organic Farmers) through NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association) to ensure our products are as healthy as they are beautiful.



Farm Shares or Community Supported Agriculture

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What is Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

CSA is a worldwide, grassroots movement built upon partnerships between local growers and members of their surrounding communities. In this relationship families and individuals become members of a CSA by purchasing a "share". This provides direct financial support for a local farm, and in return CSA members receive a share of the farm's harvest. Over 2,200 farms have employed the CSA concept in the U.S. alone, and that number is growing all the time as people are becoming increasingly aware of the dangers and inequities perpetuated by industrial agribusiness. CSA is a proactive response to the increasing demand for locally grown, fairly traded, organic produce. Each week throughout the growing season CSA members come to the farm to pick up their portion of whatever vegetables are in season. This establishes a face-to-face relationship between the growers and the CSA members, while reconnecting people with the land. This "connecteness" found within a CSA fosters a sense of community.

It is a mutually beneficial arrangement in which CSA members receive farm fresh veggies at an exceptional value (up to 50% savings!) and the farm is assured a reliable source of income.



How Does It Work?

By purchasing a share you will be entitled to a weekly portion of our harvest throughout the growing season. You will receive a wide variety of delicious and nutritious, farm fresh produce! Members pay at the beginning of the growing season and share both the rewards and risks of farming, such as "bumper" crops or "bummer" crops (due to pests or bad weather).

2008 CSA produce & product value:

In regards to produce, product, & U-pick items... the value was up over \$1000

How much does a share cost?

This year's share is \$520, but you can save \$30 (Reduced to \$490 if paid in full by Feb. 28).

How much produce will I get?

Each week your share will contain between 8 and 20 lbs. of produce depending on crop availability. The overall average will be approximately 15 lbs.

How long is the growing season?

20 weeks, from June to mid-October.

When do I pick up my share?

Pick-Up will be every Tues. from 3:00-6:30pm. U-Pick will be available when we're open and staffed during pick-up hours.

Pick-Up Information

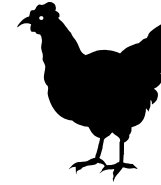
Each week you will come to the farm to select your own produce based on weekly guidelines that will be prominently posted on a blackboard (e.g. 3 cucumbers, 2 heads of lettuce, 2 lbs. of tomatoes, etc.). Most produce will be harvested and ready for you to select based on a quantity (weight or number) that we will determine weekly based on availability. Some U-Pick items will be available as well (e.g. peas, beans, cherry tomatoes, pickling cucumbers, husk cherries, strawberries, blueberries, herbs and flowers,). Quantity limits for U-Pick crops will also vary depending on availability.

CSAnything!

We are very excited to join our efforts with other farms and businesses to offer locally-produced products in addition to Arcana produce. We feel that this contributes to the quality and convenience of our CSA by offering a one-stop shopping opportunity for our customers who have buy-local values.

Items we've offered in the past:

Eggs
Bread,
Cheese,
Meats
Coffee, Honey
& other sundries



These additional items we offer, are available on a subscription basis, just like the shares of produce. Other items will be available on a cashbox basis, where you will pickup and pay for an item only when you want it. Purchasing local products in this way provides much-needed support to local producers. We hope you agree with this philosophy and choose to take advantage of the many delicious products available to you through our CSA.

Please fill out the survey on the back of the sign-up form and let us know what additional items you'd like to see on our list of add-ons.

As we are attempting to lessen our paper usage... We would like to hear your thoughts about putting the newsletter on line, or sending via email, or have a paper copy. There, they would be at your disposal one way or the other. Check in on our blog give us & converse with others. That being said, we'll need an updated Email address's.



Yes! I Want to Share the Harvest

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email address: _____

One share for the season is \$520.

And to secure your CSA share, a deposit of \$100 is required to reserve a share. The balance of the share can be split into multiple payments, to must be paid in full by May 15th.

Please note that membership is limited and given on a first come, first serve basis.

\$100 Deposit to hold a share = _____

Balance to be paid in full by 5/15 = _____

Arcana believes that everyone deserves access to farm fresh organic produce, no matter what their income. Therefore, we wish to offer subsidized shares to families in need of assistance. **Please consider making a donation to our share-subsidy fund. Together as a community, we can make it happen!**

Subsidy donation (optional) = _____

Method of Payment

Please do not send cash.

- Check - make payable to Arcana
 Visa Amt to charge
 MasterCard Amt to charge

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____ date _____

Thank you for supporting the Arcana Community Supported Agriculture Project! In order for us to know your vegetable preferences, please complete the questionnaire on the back of this membership form. Your input is important and appreciated!