

# Blue Ox Farm 2017 CSA

A CSA for You and Your Family

## A Season of Fresh Local Organic Vegetables!

What is a CSA, otherwise known as Community-Supported Agriculture? This model of farming-for-you provides food direct from the farm to you for the growing season. You pay upfront for a share, or subscription, and Blue Ox Farm does the rest. Each week, you get a box of seasonal vegetables. The box contents vary throughout the season, depending on what is growing. Eating seasonally brings its own reward, connecting you and your family with Blue Ox Farm as the vegetables ripen and are tucked into your box.

**Our summer season begins the last week of June, Tuesday June 27, and lasts for 16 weeks, ending the week of October 10. Signup now!**

### What will be in your share?

The share may meet your weekly vegetable needs, but this depends on your family and eating habits. For some couples, this weekly amount will be just right, others may find it too much or not enough. The table at right will give an indication of the shares content.

Looking at the growing season by month, June's box will be mostly green (lettuces and cooking greens, tomatoes, and possibly scallions), a welcome relief from the grey and white of winter. July will start with greens and end with a large variety of summer vegetables as the weather warms up (those

tempting tomatoes start rolling in). During August and the first half of September, boxes will continue that bounty, including more tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, onions. As the leaves fall and autumn arrives, we will continue to include tomatoes and lettuce as long as possible, then focus on preparing your pantry for winter, with winter squash, onions, carrots, and other storable vegetables.

**Typical** share through the season (actual contents vary by week and year)

| Mid July                | End of July    | Mid August     | Mid September | Mid October    |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|                         | Beets          | Carrots        | Beet          | Cabbage        |
| Cabbage                 | Carrots        | Cucumber       | Cabbage       | Carrots        |
| Kale                    | Cucumber       | Lettuce        | Carrots       | Kale           |
| Lettuce                 | Eggplant       | Onion          | Garlic        | Lettuce        |
| Scallions               | Lettuce        | Melon          | Kale          | Peppers        |
| Spinach                 | Green Pepper   | Peppers, Green | Lettuce       | Tomato, Cherry |
| Tomato or Cherry tomato | Tomato, Cherry | Tomato, Cherry | Onions        | Tomato         |
|                         | Tomato         | Tomato         | Tomato        | Winter squash  |

We want to provide you and your family with fresh, high-quality, organic produce all season long. Large families may want to double up shares, individuals may want to share their share. We also offer gift subscriptions, so consider giving a subscription to someone special.

**Just leave the farming to us.**  
Blue Ox Farm is certified organic

## Pick up in Enfield at the Blue Ox Farm, Tuesday

### FAQ's

#### What happens to the vegetables if I go on vacation?

You should designate someone to pick up the vegetables for you.

#### What happens to vegetables that are not picked up?

Good quality excess vegetables go to Willing Hands which distributes the extra food to "local human

service organizations" (aka senior centers, soup kitchens, food pantries, etc) through the Upper Valley. <http://www.willinghandsinc.org/>

#### What are the differences between Blue ox Farm CSA in 2017 vs past years?

The share is smaller than the prior 'full share'. There will be NO summer squash, NO cauliflower

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City / Town \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Blue Ox Farm CSA? \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay in full, payment is due by June 1.

If after June 1, please contact us if you want a share and we can work something out.

## CSA Options and Costs

|              | Tuesday at the farm,<br>4-6 PM   |
|--------------|--|
| Summer Share | <input type="checkbox"/> Share at the farm, 16 weeks, June 27 to October 10, \$386 |

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: We will have one size share this year, and we will need a minimum of 20 shares for the CSA. Blue Ox Farm reserves the right to cancel the CSA and refund in full to all CSA members if we do not reach our minimum. **Our plan** is to take applications, and payment in full, but not cash the checks. We will decide by June 01 (or as soon as we reach our minimum) if we will have the CSA, in which case we will then cash the checks, or return them.

All crops in the CSA share are grown by Blue Ox Farm and are certified organic, with one exception. Blue Ox Farm no longer grows garlic. So garlic will be from Woodlands Farm in Newport and is not certified organic. Should Woodland farm not have the garlic, we will source from another NH or VT farm and will notify shareholders where the crop came from at the pickup.

## Changes from past years

For returning CSA members we would like to point out several changes from the past:

- #1, the season is 16 weeks, vs 18
- #2, for comparison, the share will be smaller than the 'old' full share, but larger than the 'old' partial share.
- #3, there will be less variety than in the past. For instance, there will be no summer squash nor zucchini, no cauliflower.
- #4, there is no 'vacation policy'. We ask that if you can not pickup the share on any given day, that you find a someone to pickup for you.

Please fill out and return with payment payable to "Blue Ox Farm" to:

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