



-----2009 Fruit/Vegetable CSA Information & Sign Up Sheet

Hi!

Castlemaine Farm is the home of Joann and Brian Gallagher, located seven miles east of the town of Liberty, NC in Alamance County (about 20 miles South of Burlington). 2009 will be Castlemaine's 6th growing season and Joann's 8th year of farming. In addition to offering CSA memberships, we are vendors at Carrboro and Durham farmers' markets and also sell our produce & chicken to local restaurants.

Our Farming Practices

We pride ourselves on giving our customers only the best produce from our fields. Freshness, quality and our dedication to sustainability are what separate us from the supermarkets and big box stores. We use no chemical fertilizers, herbicides or synthetic pesticides, and very minimally use an Organic-approved natural pesticide and natural fertilizer (feathermeal). We keep our soil healthy through crop rotation and cover cropping. We control weeds and pests primarily with our hands. Our chickens help too.



We try to average out by the end of the year, for example, half shares may get \$11 or \$12 boxes in the Spring, and \$18 or \$19 boxes in the summer).

CSA Membership Rules

- If you are unable to pick up your box, please arrange to have someone pick up for you. Feel free to sell your box or give it away for that week. If your box is not picked up, you forfeit your share for that week. We are not offering a credit system this year.
- If you would like to discontinue your membership any time during the season you must sell the remainder of your share to somebody else. If you need assistance in finding someone we'll be happy to help.
- Your produce will be delivered each week in a wax box. Please save these boxes and bring them back on the following pickup date. They're very reusable and are expensive to replace.
- We'll be taking a week off in mid-August. We'll let you know the exact date later in the season via email.

2009 Castlemaine CSA Membership Program

In Community Supported Agriculture the customer becomes co-producer. When you become a CSA member, you recognize that in consuming food you are also a participant in its production.

The member will purchase a share up front, and in return get a box of food grown at Castlemaine Farm each week. The Castlemaine CSA will last 21 weeks (20 weeks of deliveries and one off-week), from the first week of May to mid September 2009. Fresh, seasonal vegetables will be delivered to the drop-off site each week. We will post a weekly farm newsletter online which will include recipe suggestions for the food. Please see our harvest schedule for a list of veggies and their approximate harvest times. A full share will average about \$25/delivery in produce, a half share will average about \$15/delivery. (NOTE:

Harvest Calendar*

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Strawberries						
Arugula						
Bok choy						
Garlic						
Kale						
Lettuce & greens						
Radishes						
Spinach						
Turnips						
Kohlrabi						
Onions						
Beets						
Chicory						
Cilantro						
Parsley						
Chard						
Carrots						
Snap peas						
Summer squash						
Cabbage						
String beans						
Leeks						
Cauliflower						
Cucumbers						
Potatoes						
Corn						
Basil						
Tomatoes						
Eggplant						
Peppers						
Melons						
Winter squash						

Full Vegetable Share \$500
About \$25 of vegetables for 20 weeks
This is a good share for families of four or more.

Half Vegetable Share \$300
About \$15 of vegetables for 20 weeks
This works well for individuals and couples.

Pickup Options...

- **Wednesdays, 3:30pm-6:30pm, Carrboro Farmers' Market**
- **Wednesdays, 4pm-7pm, at Castlemaine Farm, 1649 Old Dam Rd, Liberty NC 27298**
- **Thursdays 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Research Triangle Institute, Dreyfus Parking Lot.**
- **Saturdays 8am-noon, Durham Farmers' Market**

QUESTIONS? Contact us!
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*This calendar represents produce expected to be available. While we try to include everything listed throughout the season, the nature of a diversified, sustainable farm is such that certain crops may succumb to unfavorable conditions.

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Castlemaine Farm 2009 Fruit/Vegetable CSA Membership Sign-Up Form

Fill out this form, enclose it with your check or money order made out to "Castlemaine Farm", and mail it to:
Castlemaine Farm CSA, 1649 Old Dam Road, Liberty NC 27298 by March 15, 2009* (shares may sell out sooner)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Pickup Location (check one) ___ Wed. 3:30-6:30 Carrboro Farmers' Mkt. ___ Wed 4-7 Castlemaine Farm
___ Thursdays 4-6pm RTI ___ Saturdays 8am-noon Durham Farmers' Mkt.

20 WEEK MEMBERSHIP	QUANTITY
FULL SHARE \$500	
HALF SHARE \$300	
<p>*HOLIDAY DISCOUNT! \$10 off for orders postmarked on or before December 31, 2008!</p> <p>TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____</p>	

I agree as a member of Castlemaine Farm CSA to pick up my box of produce each week at the designated drop-off site of my choice. If on any week I can't make it, I agree to send someone to pick up in my place or forfeit my box for the week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!