

2017 CSA with Patyk's Farm Market & Greenhouse

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Why become a member of our Community Supported Agriculture?

Know your farmer, know your food: Meet the Patyk family, who grows your produce, at our farm or your farmers' market! All produce in your box will be harvested from our farm. Patyk Farms is located in Richmond, Illinois, about 50 miles north of Chicago. Although we are busy working on the farm, please feel free to visit us at any time! Business hours are 9am to 5:30pm.

Fresh Food: We do our best to pack freshly harvested produce into your box ...from field to pick up point within 24 hours. Taste, nutrient density, and quality of the produce will be at their peak!

Enjoy a week's worth of healthy fruit and/or vegetables that are packed for your family (approximately 3/4 bushel) for hopefully 20 consecutive weeks (our harvesting season). Six to ten different vegetables/ fruit will be packed in your weekly box (full share). Everyone will receive nearly identical boxes of in-season produce. Additional produce can be purchased at any of our farm markets. We do realize that some foods do not agree with everyone's palate/ digestive system (ie, hot peppers or acidic tomatoes and sensitive tummies; allergies abound; less vitamin K packed veggies for customers on Coumadin; objectionable tastes or textures). Please see our form for produce not desired. Omissions will be replaced by available produce. Please keep in mind: **While we are happy to accommodate your requests for the season, we simply cannot take requests for change on a weekly basis. Also please consider the value of being a CSA member if there might be many veggies on your omission list!**

Try new foods and cooking ideas! You will have the opportunity to experiment with a variety of produce and new varieties of vegetables. A weekly email will inform you of the produce you'll be receiving, storage tips, simple ideas or recipes, and nutritional information. We'll do our best to send the email out to everyone on Saturday morning to help you prepare for the week ahead!

Our Integrated Pest Management plan includes minimal use of conventional chemicals; we rotate the placement of crops to protect the soil's nutrients and curb various pests; we use natural fertilizer from our compost pile; we hand weed, hoe, tractor cultivate, and lay down a plastic material under many crops in order to control weed population. We also use some chemicals that are labeled organic.

Egg Share Option: For an additional \$4.50 per dozen, 10 or 20 dozen eggs can be added to your share. Our free range chickens are fed ground non-GMO corn and soymeal, oyster shells and grit, extra produce, grass, leaves, and bugs. We do keep roosters with our hens to protect them from predators and from each other! Eggs can also be purchased separately if available. Please give us ample notice for egg orders.

Convenient Pick up Points: Please respect pick up times/ schedules. Unless notified, pick up points will be on the farm (Mondays 12pm-6p or Thursdays 11am to 6pm), at the Morton Grove Farmers' Market (Saturdays from 8am to 12pm), at the Loyola University Farmers' Market (Mondays from 3pm to 7pm), or at the Ravenswood Farmers' Market (Wednesdays from 4pm to 8pm). **If you cannot pick up your box on a given week, we ask that you have a friend/ family member pick up for you.** Please give us notice of changes ASAP. We will not double up on missed boxes.

*Please be prepared to transfer your fresh produce from our packing box to your own reusable bag or container.

Possible Produce per Season: Many of our summer crops will spill over into fall, and spring crops might be available again in the fall...weather pending. Listed below are examples of typical harvests.

Please remember that farmers are at the mercy of God's hand. Weather conditions will ultimately determine which crops and when crops will grow! Every year holds a different weather pattern in which some crops may prosper and others may fail. We always hope for a bountiful harvest!

We thank you for supporting us in good faith as we provide you with the best, freshest produce we can offer!

Spring: asparagus, rhubarb, radishes, snap peas, bibb lettuce, red and green romaine, spinach, kohlrabi, green onions, beet greens, basil, cilantro, parsley, chives, dill

Summer: tomatoes (from heirloom to beefsteak, cherry, plum, grape, and yellow), sweet corn, carrots, swiss chard, kale, zucchini, summer squash, patty pans, eggplant, broccoli, green and yellow beans, beets, potatoes, onions, turnips, tomatillos, sweet bell and hot peppers, cucumbers, pickling cucumbers, watermelon, musk melon, honeydew

Fall: winter squash (acorn, carnival, amber and buttercup, butternut, delicata, spaghetti), various pumpkins, green and red cabbage, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, leek

Please fill out completely and return with payment. We hope to have **45** members/shares this year.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Full share \$485 _____ Half share \$270 _____

Add on Egg share: 10 weeks \$45 _____ 20 weeks \$90 _____

Transactions will be completed in person. **Save by paying with cash or check (\$470/ \$260)!**

Cash _____ Check _____ Credit _____

Produce not desired by this family (please print). These items will be listed on your box and substituted with available produce. _____

I have read and understand the responsibilities that are associated with Patyk Farm's CSA membership.

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