

Pearl Farms

Pearl Family Farm is a family operation located in Parkville, MO. It was started in 1892 by Dave Pearl. Today, the family raises row crops and vegetables for restaurants for local farmer's markets. We focus on natural and organic type methods of farming to preserve the integrity of the land and provide chemical free food for customers. Our kids eat from the same fields as our customers.

Why a CSA?

CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) members participate in their own food supply by committing to share in the harvest of a local food producer. By joining a CSA, specifically Pearl Farms, you express your support for locally grown, environmentally friendly food, and to the farmers who grow it. A CSA creates a unique relationship between the consumers and the producers –nowadays, not many people actually know the farmer who picked the tomatoes they are eating!

Members purchase shares, signing up for Spring, Summer and Fall crops. Each week from mid-May through mid-October we harvest and distribute the vegetable shares. The variety of produce and bounty depend on the season. At the beginning of the year, quantities tend to be smaller, with a focus on salad mixes and greens. Toward the middle of the season, the variety and quantity is at its greatest.

Simplicity. It works like this.

Shares run for **25 weeks** beginning week of May 5th - October 8th for **\$395**. \$100 deposits are due April 15th (deposits will be deducted from share price) remaining balances are due upon your first pickup.

Pickup site at: Oakhill Day School

Buyers are responsible for arranging that your share be picked up each week. Shares will consist of an average of **6-8 items per week** totaling the approximately \$15 per week cost. Our farm shares should feed a 2-4 person household easily. We commit to do our best, in good faith, to provide shares with a variety of top quality produce for each week of the harvest season.

From time to time you may receive a vegetable that is not familiar to you or that you have not tried before. **My advice is, try it! – you might like it.**

Look for us on KCFoodCircle.org

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Feeding the World since 1892



Parkville, MO

Contact Us

Farmers

The Pearl Family
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CSA Coordinator

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What you can expect!

Spring

Beets, broccoli, rainbow swiss chard, lettuce, greens, turnips, spinach, radishes

Summer

Tomatoes, squash, cabbage, peppers, onions, potatoes, cucumbers, green beans, watermelon

Fall

Apples, gourds, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, greens, winter squash, collard greens

Application for Pearl Farms 2019 CSA

Name (Print): _____

Pickup Location

*Sign: _____

Oakhill Day School

Address: _____

Email: _____

Our primary communication

Phone: _____

2019 CSA Share

25 weeks
May - Oct
\$395.00

*By submitting your application and deposit and reviewing page 2 information, you pledge your support to Pearl Farms, LLC.

Make checks payable to Michael Pearl
Detach application, include deposit & mail to **Michael Pearl**

1308 Walnut St. Parkville, MO 64152

Important to Know

CSA Members

- Members of our farm CSA have get the opportunity to share in the abundance of a local Kansas City, 125-year-old Family Farm with that opportunity there are risks associated with our growing season. We are committed to minimizing those risks, yet risks will always remain. We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce, however, may vary from week-to-week due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. By joining our CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and our other members.
 - In the unlikely event of crop failure: If only a small portion of crops fail, we compensate for the failed crops by filling your box with other crops grown on the farm that are ready for harvest at that time or bartering with a trusted neighbor farm. If a large portion of crops fails, (flood, tornado) we may not be able to deliver any products in some weeks. Should this happen, members will be contacted directly, as soon as possible to discuss options for remediation.
 - However, it is unlikely that we would be able to refund memberships or even partial memberships as the money is used to fund the season's expenses. Please take this into consideration when joining the CSA.

Shared Reward

- When production of our CSA crops is especially abundant, we pack as much as possible into your bag/box. However, we don't want to overwhelm our members or deliver so much produce that it goes to waste. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact us.

Picking Up

- You are responsible for picking up your share each week from the pick-up location:
 - OP farmers market or alternate location
- You are responsible for observing the pick-up site rules, which are as follows:
 1. Pick up your share within the time frame stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up on time.
 2. Follow any additional rules posted at the pick-up location site.
 3. Return last week's box every week.
- If you cannot pick up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up procedure to your substitute. If unforeseen circumstances arise, please contact Pearl Farm as soon as possible as we try to accommodate emergencies. Shares that are not retrieved within the designated pick-up time will be forfeited for that week.
- You will be receiving the freshest produce available short of growing it yourself. That being said, shares will come packed unwashed for the most part. Please take the time to properly wash and store all produce each week once received.

Member Fees

- By selling membership in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership fees provide us with money to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment.

THANK YOU!