

Carter's Red Wagon Farm 2020 CSA

Not sure what CSA is?

A CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is a great way to buy local, seasonal food directly from a farmer. You purchase a share for an upfront cost and share in the bounty and risks of our farm. It's a great way to eat healthy, while having the convenience of a pre-selected choice of our best produce! In exchange, our CSA members will receive a weekly box of fresh-picked produce as it becomes available throughout the growing season. Produce in your box will depend on what is available at the time. We do not take requests on what to include or not include in your box, but we would love to hear from you about what you would like to see us include (or not) in future years

When joining a CSA, you MUST understand that the membership has a shared risk. If the farm gets bad weather, we may lose some crops. However, when we are blessed with an excess of produce, as often happens, you will share in our blessings!

Share Sizes and Cost:

CSA shares will be \$675 for a **full (family)** (serves 4-6, approximately a bushel of fresh produce each week), \$450 for a **half (regular)** (serves 2-3, approximately half a bushel of fresh produce each week), and \$325 for **mini** (very limited shares) with a minimum of half the cost due on sign up and the second half due no later than June 30 (payable by check, cash, or credit card – there will be a service fee of 4.0% for credit card payments). Members will receive a \$10 produce credit if paying in full on sign up. This credit is not deductible from the cost of the CSA but is in addition to the CSA. Produce credit can be used throughout the season for additional available Carter's produce (delivered with your CSA or at our Market in Park Rapids). Unused credit will not be reimbursed or carried over and may be used by the member only. If your check is NSF, you will be notified by phone and/or email, and you will not be able to pick up your share until payment has been secured.

Last year the value of our full share (with bonuses) was over \$1,200, giving our CSA members a savings of more than \$500 in produce. We do include "high value" produce such as asparagus and strawberries for several weeks – amounts vary depending on availability. Should we have excess (which is often the case, thank God), our members will share in that excess. You may get a text or email from us inviting you to come to our farm or market for free or deeply discounted produce – or there may be extra in your box.

We try to have 6-10 different produce items each week, although the first few weeks may not have as much variety. **We do not substitute produce.** Something you don't like in the box? Feel free to share it with others! We plan to have a "share box" at each location where you can put in produce you don't like so someone else can take it, and take something else if there is extra in the share box. We may also send additional produce in the "share box" when it is available.

We plan on including pumpkin party passes for our medieval-themed corn maze this fall (for select Saturdays), as a BONUS. Pumpkin Party passes are not figured into the membership cost of the CSA and cannot be transferred to someone else. Occasionally, we are able to extend special offers from other local growers to our CSA members.

We also try to offer discounted or limited free u-pick strawberries depending on how our crop is, but this is also a BONUS and is not included in the price of your CSA share.

Season Length:

We hope for a 16 week season, which may be shortened or lengthened by a week or two, depending on the weather. We plan to start our season the week of Memorial Day, but a newsletter and text will be sent to all members confirming this the week we start delivery.

Share Pickups and Locations:

We currently plan on having pick-ups at **Carter's Red Wagon Farm Market on East 34 in Park Rapids Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 – 5:30**. We will also be having drop-off sites at the following locations:

Wednesdays: Walker: Wicks Wood Products (5859 75th St NW, Akeley Hwy 34 across from Tianna Golf 10:00-4:00)
Bemidji: Wild Hare Bistro (523 Minnesota Ave NW 11:00 -3:30) and Big Apple Bagels (1710 Paul Bunyan Dr NW from 11:30- 4:00),

There are a limited amount of shares delivered to each location. Shares are available on a first-paid basis.

Because these businesses are generously giving of their time as a convenience to our customers, we ask that you please respect their business hours and employees when picking up your box. Please immediately notify **Linda 218-366-1200** by phone or text if there are any problems. Boxes MUST be picked up during designated times; if your box is not picked up by the latest time shown, it will be forfeited. Please do not call a business and ask them to hold it later or for an additional day. We do not want to risk losing any of our pick up locations. The member name will be written on the box – please make sure

you pick up YOUR box, and always return your empty box the following week. Keep in mind, too, that produce will be fresher the sooner it is picked up and cooled as soon as possible after picking up. We do our best to ensure your produce is left in a secure location, but we cannot guarantee that someone else will not walk out with your box. While we are not responsible for missing produce, please call or text Linda as soon as possible, and we will do our best to locate your share.

Notifications:

We try to send out a newsletter early in the week with information about what's happening on the farm, photos of crops, crop reports, what to expect in your box, recipe ideas, etc. There is a lot of valuable information on what is going on in your newsletter, and we hope you will take the time to read through the newsletters. Look for the newsletter to start the beginning of May. Please check your filtered emails and mark us as a "safe" sender as some internet providers filter us into spam.

We do our best to send a text reminder to you the night before or morning of your pick up. PLEASE include your cell phone number on your application. When we have excess produce or last minute bargains due to unanticipated excess at our Market, you will be notified by text or on Facebook only.

We also have a members-only Facebook page (**2020 Carter's Red Wagon Farm CSA**). This Facebook page will include information on excess produce, specials, recipes, and more. We love to hear from you, so please feel free to comment and post on it – recipes, photos, etc. You may request to join at any time and will be approved once we receive your application and payment. This page is for ONLY the CSA members named on the CSA application.

What Can You Expect in Your Share?

Our produce is non-GMO and grown using organic methods. Produce is handled as little as possible in order to reduce the risk of contaminants. Because farming is unpredictable, and we do not always know when our crops will be ready to harvest or how long harvest will go (or if there is a crop problem), share contents may vary from day to day but the value will be approximately the same even when contents differ. We appreciate your understanding if you occasionally get something different from other members during the week or even the same day.

Anticipated produce in the boxes include (with approximately when the crop starts, weather depending):

Herb pot (late May)

Asparagus (late May)

Lettuce – baby leaf, romaine, etc. (late May)

Radishes (late May)

Spinach (late May)

Rhubarb (early June)

Cucumbers (mid-June)

Strawberries (late June)

Zucchini and summer squash (late June)

Tomatoes (mid July)

Cole crops – cabbage, broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, cauliflower, kohlrabi (various start dates in June/July, depending on item)

Green beans (July)

Carrots (late July)

Sweet corn (late July)

Beets (August)

Peppers (August)

Melons, red and yellow watermelon, muskmelon (mid-August)

Onions (mid-August)

Potatoes (August)

Pumpkins (September)

Winter squash (September)

Other miscellaneous produce

Additional Information:

If you are unable to pick up your share one week, feel free to have a friend pick it up (please have them return the empty box). Boxes not picked up on time will be donated to the Food Shelf or families in need. **Credit is not given if you are unable to pick up your shares, and due to space constraints, we are unable to hold boxes.**

Carter's Red Wagon Farm
2020 CSA Sign-Up Form

D:___ L:___ S:___ O:___ PC:___
Data:PC___ EM___ C#___ SS___

Mailing Address:
Carter's Red Wagon Farm
14766 119th Ave
Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-732-4979 (farm)

Park Rapids Pick Up Address:
Carter's Red Wagon Farm Market (not farm)
16338 Co. 107
Park Rapids, MN 56470
218-366-1200 (Linda's cell)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip _____
Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
Referred by: _____

Share Size (choose one)

Full - \$675

Half - \$450

Mini - \$325 (very limited shares)

Park Rapids Pick up (circle one)

Tuesday Thursday

Preferred Pick Up: (choose one)

Wednesday: Wild Hare Bistro

Wednesday Big Apple Bagels

Wednesday: Walker, Wicks Wood Products

2019 Returning CSA member y/n (deduct \$5)

Payment: In Full: _____ Two payments: _____ **Type:** Cash/Check/CC

(If paying by credit card, there is a service fee of 4.0%. We will call you for your card information)

Payment is required in full upon sign up or in two equal payments with half due upon sign up and the second half due no later than June 30, 2020. Should the second half not be paid no later than June 30, 2020, you will forfeit the remainder of your CSA share.

By becoming a Red Wagon Farm CSA member, I understand and agree to the following:

- I have read the two pages of the CSA agreement and understand the benefits and risks of joining a CSA.
- Red Wagon Farm will send weekly updates thru texts, newsletters, and/or CSA Facebook page. We do our best to update each way, but we are not always able to do so weekly. Facebook will ALWAYS be updated.
- It is my responsibility to know my CSA pick up day and times.
- My weekly share must be picked up during the scheduled hours. I cannot reschedule or ask to have it held beyond those hours. Boxes left after pick up times will be donated.
- I will make sure I take the box that has my name on it and sign off that I received the box.
- I will return my empty CSA box the following week or transfer my items when picking up each week
- By participating in this CSA, I share in the rewards (non-GMO produce grown locally using organic methods, excess produce as a bonus or at a discounted price when available) and the risks (the potential for failed crops or crops with low yields due to poor seeds, weather, and other unforeseen situations) of the Farm.
- When bonuses are made available, only the members on this CSA application may redeem those items.
- There is no guarantee on what produce will be in each box, even boxes delivered to the same location, due to the uncertainty of crop timing, yields, and quality.
- While produce is packed fresh each day, the later in the day that I pick up my box, or by keeping my produce in a warm or sunny area, my produce can quickly lose its freshness.
- By purchasing this CSA share, I am supporting a family farm, the local economy, and my health by purchasing home-grown, non-GMO produce that is grown using organic methods and picked fresh.
- If more than one person is listed as the CSA member, the signature below confirms agreement by all.

(signature)

Box:L:___ SS:___ Pymt:Ck#:___ \$_____

Rec: _____