

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): LFUCG CSA Farm Share Program

How long does a CSA typically last?

CSAs season lengths vary by farm but usually coincides with the summer growing season in Kentucky (May-October). To participate in our program, partner farms must offer a CSA for at least 20 weeks.

What is included in a weekly CSA share?

CSA share contents vary by farm and by the time of year. Farms grow many varieties of crops and each week different fruits and vegetables are growing into and out of maturity. An example of a share in June could be beets, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, spinach, cabbage, green onions, squash/zucchini, and radishes. Many farms show examples of past shares on their websites and social media platforms. Please keep in mind that each CSA season can be different depending on variables such as heat, rain, soil, and labor, although every farm takes appropriate measures to deliver quality weekly shares as they are able.

How much food is included in a weekly CSA share?

The quantity of produce in each CSA share varies by farm and by week, depending how much is harvested. Typically, a regular share is designed to supply two adults, or a small household, with most of their weekly produce needs, while a small share is designed to supplement weekly produce needs for one to two adults.

How much does a CSA cost?

The cost of a CSA varies by farm and by the size of the share. Typically, WITHOUT a voucher, the cost of a regular share ranges from about \$650-\$700 and a small share ranges from about \$450-\$500 for the entire 20+ week season.

What happens if there is a crop failure or bad weather?

CSA is a mutual commitment between a farm and its members. CSA members share in the rewards of a bountiful growing season and the risk that come with bad weather and pests. Members must understand the shared risk and that refunds are not given. Participating farms have been growing food for many seasons and they typically grow a variety of crops. This decreases the likelihood that all crops will be ruined from a pest or weather-related problem.

Who is eligible for a voucher?

Any current LFUCG employee with a valid employee ID.

How do I use my voucher?

After you claim a voucher (have completed a Form Stack application), you will receive a voucher code and instructions on how to sign up with a partner farm from Faye Baron.

Can I give my friend/family member/co-worker my voucher?

No. Vouchers are non-transferable and must be in the name of the eligible employee.

If my partner and I are both employees can we both get a voucher?

Yes, but only one voucher may be applied to one share. If you'd like to use both vouchers, you would need to purchase two shares.

Will my taxes be affected?

The \$250 voucher is a taxable benefit that will be reflected on your W2.

Have more questions?

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