

Maple Lane Farm
Carrying on a family tradition for generations

Share in the Harvest
Agreement & sign-up form for a CSA share 2015

Dear Friends,

Maple Lane Farm is a small family farm owned and operated by the Oskey family just off State Route 2 near Farmer, Ohio and located just 10 minutes south of Bryan. We are well known by our neighbors and friends for our maple syrup production which is carried down from past generations. Currently we have 25 acres in hay and pasture. Our large garden and fruit production is all naturally grown. For the past several years we have been selling our products at the farm and at All Things Food in Bryan, Ohio.

In 2014 we took a leap forward in the local food movement by expanding our acreage of vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers. We constructed a large new hoop house that helped us to start harvesting fresh greens in April and continued through the end of 2014. Our goal is to be able to harvest greens for our family and neighbors 12 months out of the year with April through December as our largest production season for the hoop house.

We are continuing our marketing endeavor in 2015 with our CSA shares. For those of you who do not know what a CSA share is simply put it is an opportunity for customers to receive a weekly bag of fresh, quality produce grown at the farm. Those customers interested in purchasing a share do so before the growing season begins. Once the season starts, shareholders receive a weekly bag of vegetables or other products from the farm during the growing season. A typical season is usually 20 – 22 weeks. Maple Lane Farm offers three different bag sizes as described below.

This arrangement creates several rewards for both the farmer and customer. For the farmer the rewards are:

- Being able to market products during the off-season so when the busy farming season comes time can be spent growing and not marketing;
- Receiving payment early in the season which helps with the farm's cash flow;
- Having the opportunity to get to know the people who will eat his/her food.

For the customer the rewards are:

- Receiving weekly bag of quality, fresh farm products;
- Knowing where your food is coming from and the farming practices used;
- Being exposed to new vegetables and new ways to cook;
- Having the opportunity to visit the farm where your food is grown.

CSA's provide a way for the farmer and customer to share in both the risks and rewards of the growing season.

We are delighted to have Sister Rita Wienken, a Tiffin Franciscan sister assist us in this adventure. Sister Rita has 35 years experience in growing chemical-free produce. From 2005 – 2011 she managed a small truck farm on the Sisters of St. Francis property that included marketing her products through CSA shares, restaurants, nursing homes and an on-site farm stand.

Maple Lane Farm is looking for shareholders to share in the cost, risks, and joys of our farming endeavor. We are about growing healthy, nutritious, and naturally grown produce for the public. Each week during the

growing season, a shareholder will receive a box of fresh produce. Our growing season is between 18 - 20 weeks and will generally run around the first week of June – Mid-October depending on the weather.

The following is a list of potential vegetables and herbs that may be part of your bag

Late spring – Early summer (June –July)

Lettuce
Spinach
Green onions
Pak Choy
Arugula
Broccoli
Cauliflower
Radishes
Kale
Sugar snap peas
Kohlrabi

Summer – Early Fall (July – September)

Lettuce
Green onions
Cabbage
Swiss chard
Kale
Carrots
Beets
Green beans
Wax beans
Zucchini
Summer squash
Tomatoes (large red, cherry, yellow, and roma)
Peppers (wide selection of green, yellow, red, jalapeno and banana sweet)
Large onions (red, yellow, white)
Potatoes (Yukon gold, red Pontiac, white)
Herbs: basil, chives, rosemary and perhaps others

Fall Vegetables (Sep. – Oct.)

Lettuce
Spinach
Brussel sprouts
Broccoli
Cauliflower
Radishes
Winter squash (butternut, spaghetti, delicata)
Sweet potatoes
Carrots
Beets
Garlic
Leeks
Potatoes
Kale
Herbs
Pak Choy
Kohlrabi

Maple Lane Farm will do its best to provide a wide variety of vegetables and herbs. We are committed to making this a good experience for our customers.

MAPLE LANE FARM CSA INFORMATION. PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR PAYMENT. THANK YOU.

2015 CSA SHARES: Our 2015 season will begin on Tuesday June 2, 2015 and conclude on Friday October 9, for a total of 19 weeks for the season.

Our pick-up days will be on Tuesday or Friday so that we can divide our produce according to the harvest schedule of our produce. Pick-up site will be at the farm or in Bryan on Cardinal Drive. **Unless you have a preference of Tuesday or Friday, we will assign you a day so we can divide our shares out evenly between both days. (Time for pick-up will generally be late afternoon – early evening)**

Payment: We offer a couple of ways for your CSA share payment:

- 1) Full payment at time of sign-up
- 2) Half of the payment at sign-up and the other half by June 1

Please make checks payable to: Sue Oskey and send your form and check to her at the address below. If you want to send your application form by e-mail that is fine, however we do need payment at the time of sign-up. If you want or need to pay in installments we would want half at sign-up and the remainder by first pick-up.

Farm Shares: Please circle the CSA share you want below.

Family Share: Feeds a family of 4: \$600.00

2 – adult person share: \$400.00

Single share: \$200.00

Contact information: We want to be in regular contact with our CSA members and other friends of our farm. The easiest way to do this is through e-mail. At times we may need to call you. Please fill out the information below so we have your contact information on hand.

Name _____

Address _____

Primary phone where we can reach you or leave a message: (Cell) _____

(H) _____ **(W)** _____

e-mail: _____

Our refrigeration has limited space on Cardinal Drive so we encourage anyone who can to pick-up at the farm. Please circle your preference: Farm Cardinal Dr.

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