

Please note that communications, including our newsletter, will occur via e-mail. It is critical that we have a current, valid (and legible!) e-mail address.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

E-mail (REQUIRED): _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Mail to: **Geauga Family Farms 2017 CSA**
c/o Abner J. Miller
16505 Mumford Road
Burton, OH 44021

Checks should list "GFF-2017 CSA" in the notes line.

- _____ Medium shares @ \$465
- _____ Medium shares (returning members) @ \$441.75

- _____ Large shares @ \$775
- _____ Large shares (returning members) @ \$736.25

- _____ Customizable shares @ \$700
- _____ Customizable shares (returning members) @ \$665

- _____ Weekly extras (see prices on page 2)
- _____ Bread ___ Jam ___ Eggs ___ Grass-fed ground beef
- _____ -\$50 (discount if picking up at the farm)

- _____ Total amount of check

Check here if you would like an organic-only share (no apples or peaches)

Agreement with terms of membership:

I agree to the terms delineated in this 2017 CSA application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for supporting local family farms! Please keep a copy of this page for your records. For more information about our farms or to sign up online, visit our website at www.geaugafamilyfarms.org.



Contact our farm representatives:

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GEAUGA FAMILY FARMS 2017 CSA APPLICATION

Producing healthy foods from healthy soils for healthy people

Geauga Family Farms is a cooperative of five certified-organic family farms whose goal is to provide organically grown produce to the Northeast Ohio community. The group formed to create a more sustainable approach to supporting one another in the farming way of life. The inclusion of multiple farms means a wider variety of produce is available for our members. The farmers of Geauga Family Farms strive to bring you high-quality, healthy and delicious produce.

The farmers run a CSA program, short for Community Supported Agriculture. Members of the CSA pay up front for a share of organically grown produce they will receive on a weekly basis throughout the season. By purchasing a share from Geauga Family Farms at the beginning of the season, members provide financial support to the farms when it is most needed. This approach also means that what members receive is tied to the growing conditions, but the wide variety of produce that can be planted by multiple farms means that if it is a bad year for one item, you'll get others instead.

Our season: Our **20-week** summer season begins in **June** and ends in **October**. Shares are delivered to your pick-up site of choice on a weekly basis. Many items in your shares will vary as the season progresses.

Information about the shares: Shares are available in medium, large and customizable sizes. The **medium share** provides enough produce for **two to three people** to have several servings throughout the week. The **large share** provides enough for **four or more people** to have several servings throughout the week with greater variety and more volume. The **customizable share**, new this year, is equivalent to a medium share and allows the member to select the contents of each week's share from our farm store. The extra cost of this share goes toward special packaging and the extra labor for packing each box.

Due to the growing conditions in this region, you may find that shares have a little less volume in the beginning of the season. We more than make up for this as harvests increase later in the season. Total value for the season **will not** go below the amount you have paid.

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Typical shares **might** include:

Lettuce, kale, collard greens, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, radishes, green onions and strawberries early in the season, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, Swiss chard, onions, beans, basil, peaches and blueberries mid-season and sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, potatoes, beets, carrots, onions, peppers, kale, pumpkins and apples later in the season.

Please note:

We try to include at least one fruit each week, but due to harvest conditions this may not always be the case. Please recognize that these shares are primarily vegetables. All of the vegetables in the shares are certified organic. Not all of the fruit is organic - apples and peaches are grown conventionally on other local farms. **Organic-only shares are available. They will not include apples or peaches, but will have extra produce instead.**

Share contents are based on what is being harvested each week. **Only the customizable share can be adjusted to accommodate individual preferences.**

Pick-up information:

Pick-up sites are located throughout Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Portage, Summit and Trumbull counties. Pick-ups occur on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with each site having a specific pick-up day and time. Pick-up sites will be announced in early spring, and we will follow up with you to select your site at that time. If you choose to pick up at our farm pick-up site, you must choose one day of the week to pick up and stick with it throughout the season. Please indicate which day. **Shares left beyond the pick-up times will be donated to a hunger center or a family in need.** If you are out of town on a given week, you may have a friend or neighbor pick up your share for you. It's a great way to share the harvest!

Regular Pricing (See Page 4 for returning member discount pricing):

Medium share - \$465

Large share - \$775

Customizable share - \$700 (Order early as quantities are limited)

Farm pick-up discount- \$50 (Parkman Produce, 17050 Nash Rd., Middlefield)

Extras:

Not all pick-up sites allow delivery of all extra items. Please check the allowable items for your selected pick-up site before ordering extras.

\$75 - 1 loaf of wheat bread each week

\$75 - 1 jar of jam each week (specify a flavor or variety)

\$75 - 1 dozen eggs each week (free-range, GMO- and hormone-free)

\$70 - ½ pound of Middlefield Original Cheese each week (specify a variety)

\$140 - 2 ½ pound packages of Middlefield Original Cheese each week

\$150 - 1 pound of frozen ground beef each week

Please print clearly on the following application. As a member, you will be automatically added our mailing list. We send out a weekly newsletter that may include information critical to your membership. We do not share or sell our mailing list. This information is for our records and purposes only.

Please check one:

- Returning member (Note 5% returning member discount on next page)
- New member

If you are splitting a share with another person or family, please include contact information for them, including e-mail address and phone numbers.

Pick-up sites: A variety of convenient pick-up locations will be available across Northeast Ohio. **We will follow up with you before the season begins to select a pick-up site once our list of pick-up sites is complete.**

Please fill out both sides of this form and return this page with a check payable to Geauga Family Farms to the address provided by May 15, 2017, to participate in the full season.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP:

As a member of the Geauga Family Farms CSA program, I understand the following. (Please check each box to indicate your understanding):

- Members are not sent notices or invoices. This completed contract serves as the indication of amounts due. Please make a copy for your records. (If you sign up online, you will receive an email confirmation.)
- Payments are not refundable. However, members may recruit new members to take over their share and arrange to receive payment from the people whom they recruit.
- Shares must be picked up during the time period listed for your pick-up site. Leftover shares will be donated to a food pantry.
- If I do not pick up my share it will be donated to a family in need or food shelter. I do not expect my share to be held beyond the pick-up site time limits.
- Exact dates of harvest and content of shares will depend on weather and Mother Nature.
- Organic produce is not always perfect in appearance.