



RUBBER DUCKY FARMS 2022 CSA - Guidelines & Contract

Please be sure to follow the steps below and read through our guidelines very carefully before submitting your application. Thank you!

1. STEP ONE – LEARN ABOUT HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS

At Rubber Ducky Farms, our focus is on locally growing sustainable produce for our CSA members. Each week we take a survey of our fields, and we harvest the crops that are at their peak and ready to be picked. We are not certified organic but follow organic and sustainable practices. We pack the produce into reusable trugs for every member and have them ready for pick up or delivery on appointed days. Our harvest season runs for 14 weeks Mid-June through September. This is our fourth season running the CSA, thank you for joining us in this adventure.

2. STEP TWO – CAREFULLY READ OUR CSA POLICIES

CSA is a Partnership between the Members and the Farmers. At the core of CSA is the idea that members support their farmer by sharing in the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season!). Therefore, while Rubber Ducky Farms will act in good faith to provide fresh produce for the 14- week season, there is no guarantee of quantities or contents of weekly shares.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:

STAY INFORMED! The single most important responsibility of all members is to educate themselves about the workings of our CSA program by liking and following Rubber Ducky Farms on Facebook and reading the CSA newsletter emailed out weekly. The newsletter contains important information about what is in the box, news from the farm and details about the harvest.

GETTING YOUR SHARE! As a CSA member, you must pick up your share on the

pick-up day during the pick-up window, unless you have chosen delivery. To ensure the freshest produce we will only harvest prior to your designated pick-up day. If you cannot pick up your share, you are welcome to have a friend or neighbor pick up your share that week. Please just email or call us with their name. Our goal is to have you enjoy your share each week – we will work with you if you give us enough advance notice. If you do not pick up your share and make no arrangements to have someone else pick it up for you then you forfeit your share that week and it will be donated to local charities. There is no refund for unclaimed shares.

Pick-Up is: Wednesday from 6-8 pm at Rubber Ducky Farms.

Delivery option: This season's delivery fee within 10 miles (and Decatur) is \$42 (or \$3/week) & delivery beyond 10 miles is \$56 (or \$4/week) for the 14 weeks. Deliveries will be made Wednesday evenings.

BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM!

We encourage all of our members to become active participants in the CSA Program. You can do this by staying up to date with the news from the farm (by reading the weekly newsletters) and keeping in touch with the farm. Communication is critical! Please e-mail us often with your comments, suggestions and concerns. This is one of the great perks of CSA, you can actually talk to the farmer who grew your food! We also invite you to visit the farm to see just where your food comes from.

3. OUR SHARES

Rubber Ducky Farms CSA Program is a 14-week membership share. Our season begins roughly in the middle of June, weather permitting.

Produce is picked fresh from our fields, sorted, and ready for pick up at Rubber Ducky Farms or delivery to your door. This share contains approx. 6 to 10 items grown without synthetic pesticides or fertilizers each week, depending on the season and availability. We practice biodiversity and bio-intensive gardening methods.

2022 Standard Share - \$405 – Produce for 3-5 people.

2022 Half Share – \$215 – Produce for 1-2 people.

2022 Delivery is an additional \$42 (or \$56 for locations over 10mi from the farm) for the season.

4. COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM

Thank you! Please complete the contract and return to Rubber Ducky Farms. Keep the guidelines for your records.



RUBBER DUCKY FARMS 2022 CSA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Member Name

Email Address

(E-mail is our

primary form of communication with our members. We will not share your information- ever!)

Contact Phone Number

Mailing Address

City,

State Zip

Secondary Member Name

Secondary Email Address

SHARE

____ Standard Share - \$405 Produce for 2 adults and 2 to 3 children

on average

_____ Half Share - \$215 Produce for 1-2 adults on average

_____ Delivery - \$42/\$56 (dependent on distance) For the entire season

PICK-UP

Pick-Up days are very important. To ensure the freshest produce we will only harvest prior to your designated pick-up day. Please choose pick-up or delivery. If you choose to pick up from the farm, you must pick up your share on the day. If you do not pick up your share and make no arrangements to have someone else pick it up for you, then you forfeit your share that week and it will be donated to local charities. There is no refund for unclaimed shares.

_____ Wednesdays from 6-8 pm at Rubber Ducky Farms

_____ Wednesday evening delivery to your door (\$42or\$56/season)

SIGN CONTRACT

By signing this contract, you are agreeing to participate in Rubber Ducky Farms CSA. You understand the guidelines explained above and are willing to accept the risks. You will pick up or arrange for pick up of your share each week. You understand there are no refunds.

I appreciate locally grown, synthetic pesticide-free produce and want to ensure that it remains available in my area by becoming a shareholder in Rubber Ducky Farms Community Supported Agriculture Program. I understand that Rubber Ducky Farms will do their best to provide the sustainably produced fruit and vegetable varieties they propose at the times they estimate. However, as a shareholder in both the bounty and the risk, I understand that nature ultimately decides what I will receive and when I will receive it.

Signed _____

Date _____

SEND IN MEMBERSHIP FORM

Simply send in the Membership form and payment by March 20th to

Rubber Ducky Farms CSA
6331 Kirby Rd.
Oreana, IL. 62554

After we receive your application, we will process it then send you an email to verify our receipt of your signed contract. Once we are ready for harvest, we will email you to remind you that pick up begins that week. THANKS!!!

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to call us at 217-848-0244, send a Message to our Rubber Ducky Farms Facebook page, or email us at RubberDuckyFarms@gmail.com Either Ben or Alix will be able to answer any questions you may have. This is an exciting opportunity, and we encourage your interest and questions.