

Green Mountain Girls Farm -- Farm Share Memberships

Our farm share members enjoy year round, free choice access to our full diet of ecologically and socially responsibly grown food. Members shop for food at the farmstand and earn a volume-based discount off all purchases when average spending is maintained at a minimum of \$100/month. In the spirit of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), farm share members guarantee their year-long loyalty, enabling the farm to plan and grow food for members.

What is different about our farm share? Our farm share is non-traditional in that **you choose** what **items you want** and **how much you want** of each. This enables individuals or households of any size to join and satisfies everyone, from omnivores to folks with restricted diets.

The freshest and most abundant selection is available each week on Thursday's from 3:30-6:30pm and otherwise available during self-serve farmstand hours (7am-7pm, all 7 days) & the Northfield Farmers Market.

Farm share members to commit to the following:

Shop from the farm and keep up to date on payments consistently throughout the year

- Farmshare members earn their discount by shopping at significant volume (minimum \$100/month), loyally for all 12 months of the year.
- Three Farmshare levels exist (based on annual household spending at the farm):
 - 10% off all purchases = \$1,200 annually "Farmstand members"
 - 15% off all purchases = \$2,500 annually "Foodies "
 - 20% off all purchases = \$4,000 annually "Omnivores"

(Note: Everyone is welcome at our farmstand. People unable to meet the above criteria or below commitments are encouraged to be part of the farm and simply shop without a discount.)

Eat with the seasons

- Savor abundant fresh food during our long growing season and enjoy high quality products throughout the winter thanks to the farm's processing and advanced storage technology.
- Delight in something green and fresh most winter weeks made possible by the farm's passive solar high tunnels/ hoop houses which extend Vermont's growing season, while supporting the farm's sustainability choice to heat only a small greenhouse to start seedlings.
- Remember that all products have a season, some of them longer, some shorter.

Eat around the farm

- Free choice allows you to choose the food you like yet we ask you to be aware that our hilly landscape provides a range of soils and microclimates which enable us to grow a variety of vegetables and fruits, yet limits our ability to grow large amounts of any one thing. Members agree to enjoy the staples that grow well here and to explore the diverse range of products which harness the farm's strengths throughout the seasons.
- All pork isn't bacon! We ask members to try a diverse range of the pasture-raised products in the spirit of "nose to tail", minimizing waste and maximizing nutritional and farm value.

Enrich and respect farm culture, rules and limits

- Stay in touch by reading the weekly announcement section of the newsletter each week (stories, recipes and other content are optional ways to be more in touch).
- Inform us of any concerns, interests or uncertainties with a product or about your "farm share".
- Follow farmstand signage and/or newsletter guidelines for items in limited supply (eg. with fresh salad mixes during winter or the first of the season's tomatoes or broccoli).
- Respect that the farmstand opens at 7am and closes at 7pm.

- Follow and help clarify when necessary farm share member benefits guidelines.
- Clean and return jars, lids, plastic containers, egg cartons.

Payment details

- Initiate your farmshare with a check for your 1st month and a deposit for your 12th month.
- Monthly payment can be check, cash, or credit card (fee will be added). If paying by cash please put the cash in an envelope with your name on it and place it in the box.
- 12th month deposit is collected from new members to mitigate our risks and recover discounts should members not maintain the agreed threshold or depart the program early.

Farmshare member benefits and benefit guidelines:

Volume-based Discount on all Purchases

You receive a 10,15 or 20 percent discount off all purchases when average spending is maintained at a minimum of \$100, \$210 or \$333/month. Discounts will be applied to your account monthly based on your anticipated spending level and will be rectified at the end of the year based on actual total spending for the year. Thus if you think you will spend about \$250/month, a 15% discount will be applied each month, but if at the end of the year you have spent over \$4,000, achieving the 20% discount level, the difference (an additional 5% of expenditures) will be credited to your account.

Member specials

In addition to your discount on **all items** sold in the farmstand, the farm will make available regular "Member Specials" which enable you to access deals beyond your regular discount and help the farm resolve overabundance, etc. For example, processing level volumes of veggies in abundance, etc.

Making a community & making a difference

Beyond the fresh deliciousness and nutrient density resulting from remineralized soils, the great recipes discussed in the farmstand and the intangible benefits of eating with a sustainitarian and humaneitarian footprint, our intent is that members enjoy and get to know the farm. By doing so you become closer to restoration agriculture efforts more generally and our farm's humble attempt to mix ancient ways and leading edge approaches to positively impact our society's biggest challenges. We are a community of people bringing our forks, bodies and food dollars together to change the food system.

Thursday 3:30-6:30 barnyard privileges

During the staffed farmstand hours we invite members to tour the barnyard (including poking into the hoop houses, observing animals in near pastures or winter barn) and pond area (including adult accompanied swimming from the North beach, observing birds, amphibians, plants). Walking out the farm road and to the South barn must be okayed by farm staff in the farmstand as each day conditions are different.

Discount on farm experiences, events and mid-week (non holiday) farmstays

Apply your regular % discount to scheduled farm events, tours, and other farm experiences as well as mid-week (non holiday) farmstays.

Complimentary Farm tours

We appreciate you sharing our farm with your community and invite you to enjoy a free tour when you bring paying guests to our scheduled farm tours, and other farm events.

BUT SAFETY FIRST! Be careful when visiting the farm...watch out for trip hazards, vehicles and all hazards. This is a working farm, please remain alert. **Children must be accompanied closely by an adult.**