

What is a CSA?

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. In a CSA, farmers grow food for a predetermined group of consumers who pay an annual fee to purchase their share of the harvest. The CSA movement is a popular one across North America. Through CSAs, people are claiming back a connection to the production of their food. It allows farmers to be supported locally and for people to eat food grown in their own area, not shipped from across the continent. Consumers get back in touch with where their food comes from and receive FRESH ORGANICALLY GROWN PRODUCE AT AFFORDABLE PRICES. CSAs are locally sustainable. They are also shared risk agriculture. Traditionally farmers assume all the risks of unusual weather, disease, pests, etc. In a CSA, the onus is on the farmers to use all their knowledge, skill, experience and ability to ensure a good harvest. However, the farmer knows that if all else fails the CSA members agree to give their financial support.

We invite you to join membership in the 2010 ORCHARD-HILL FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN for our fourteenth season of Community Supported Agriculture! In 2009 we provided a continuous supply of fresh, organically grown produce from mid May to Thanksgiving. We expect to do the same in 2010. We welcome your involvement on the farm at whatever level suits you.

2010 Garden Fees and Payment Schedule

PAYMENT IN FULL

	Regular Share	Working Share
Deposit (Non-refundable)	\$50	\$50
Remainder (Received by May)	\$500	\$465
Total	\$550	\$515

POST-DATED CHEQUES (With administrative fee)

	Regular Share	Working Share
Deposit (Non-refundable)	\$50	\$50
Remainder (Received by May 1)		
May 1	\$85	\$80
June 1	\$85	\$80
July 1	\$85	\$80
August 1	\$85	\$80
September 1	\$85	\$80
October 1	\$85	\$75
Total	\$560	\$525

Application for Membership in the 2010 Orchard-Hill Farm CSA Garden

NAME.....

STREET.....

CITY.....

POSTAL CODE.....

PHONE.....

EMAIL.....

Check One:

Regular Share

Working Share (5 working hours)

Check One:

Tuesday Pick-up

Saturday Pick-up

Please enclose a \$50.00 Non-refundable deposit with your application to hold your share. Your canceled cheque is your receipt. All cheques are payable to Orchard Hill Farm.

SEND APPLICATION TO:

Ken and Martha Laing

Orchard-Hill Farm

45415 Fruit Ridge Line

RR#5, St. Thomas, ON N5P 3S9

Tel: 519-775-2670

Email: kmlaing@orchardhillfarm.ca

Website: www.orchardhillfarm.ca

Produce You Can Expect

Asparagus
Beans
Beets
Broccoli
Brussels sprouts
Cabbage
Carrots
Cauliflower
Celery and Celeriac
Chard
Corn
Cucumber
Eggplant
Garlic
Kale
Kohlrabi
Leeks
Melons
Mesclun Mix
Onions
Parsnips
Peas
Peppers
Potatoes
Pumpkins
Radishes
Raspberries
Rhubarb
Rutabaga
Spinach
Squash
Strawberries
Summer Turnip
Tomatoes
Zucchini
HERBS
FLOWERS

More about Garden Shares

There will be once-a-week pick-ups at the farm with a choice between Saturday and Tuesday, from 11 am – 7 pm. We will provide freshly picked organic produce throughout the growing season.

SHARE – One share is geared to provide produce for two adults who eat at home, or a family with small children. Larger families may want to purchase two shares.

WORKING SHARE – A working sharer helps at the farm, primarily on harvest days, in exchange for a lower share cost. Usually, working sharers come twice a season for 2½ hours each time. Children are more than welcome to come with their parents!

We will phone or email members in the spring prior to the first pick-up.

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Orchard Hill Farm was established in 1979 by Ken and Martha Laing, and has been organic since 1989. Martha's Quaker ancestors cleared the farm. We are located at: 45415 Fruit Ridge Line, RR#5, St. Thomas, ON N5P 3S9.

Tel: 519-775-2670.

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ORCHARD-HILL FARM

COMMUNITY GARDEN



**LOCALLY GROWN FOOD
HELPING TO PRESERVE THE
FAMILY FARM AND GIVING YOU
THE SECURITY OF KNOWING
WHERE YOUR FOOD COMES
FROM**

Fair prices for both you and the farmers

Healthy food, soil, and people

Money staying within the community

Fresh, organically grown produce