



California State University Farm Organic Vegetable Project CSA Program *2023 Member Agreement*

Thank you for supporting local organic agriculture! Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a model of farming that links consumers directly with the farmer. Members of this CSA will enjoy part of the Organic Vegetable Project's (OVP) harvest by receiving a share of fresh seasonal vegetables, and sometimes flowers and herbs, each week. Your support helps pay for the OVP's costs, promotes education, and feeds the local community.

The OVP began in 2008 as a grant funded project completely operated by the students and faculty of CSU Chico. Our three goals at the OVP are to educate, feed the community, and conduct research to grow, evaluate, and identify promising new vegetables to help local farmers. We cater our CSA shares to the members of our University community and beyond, providing fresh organic produce from May through December.

Please keep in mind that the goal of the CSA model is a shared commitment between farmers and families. The CSA model allows us to share the bounty of the farm but also has the potential risks that may come with weather extremes, disease or insect pressure. We will always provide a varied share, but cannot guarantee certain quantities of specific items at any point in the season.

Members commit to supporting the farm financially for the duration of the season, May-December. If you are a student and cannot commit to the duration of the season you may pick up our fresh produce free of charge at the Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry on campus. Currently, we depend on the financial support of our members to keep the Organic Vegetable Project operating and bringing fresh organic produce to the community.

What to expect with a standard share:

Typically, a weekly share includes 7-10 different seasonal items and feeds 2-4 people. We grow the following produce and herbs seasonally:

- *Spring:* Lettuce, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Spinach, Beets, Asian greens, Turnips, Arugula, Kale, Radishes, Carrots, and Rosemary.
- *Summer:* Green beans, Tomatoes, Sweet Peppers, Zucchini, Eggplant, Lettuce, Corn, Summer Squash, Basil, Cucumber, Melon, Watermelon, Fennel, Onions, and Garlic.
- *Fall:* Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Romanesco, Spinach, Lettuce, Asian greens, Kale, Turnips, Arugula, Carrots, Beets, and Winter Squash.

You may find what you receive is more produce than you might consume. You can split a share with a friend or colleague by alternating the week that each of you receives a share. Or, you can receive your weekly share and split it outside of distribution.

Your pickup day/time will be Thursdays from 12pm-4pm every week starting May 4th.

If you cannot make it during this time, we arrange a system for late pickup or Friday pickup.

Please remember to exchange the previous week's box in the same location that pick up your produce. We will not be responsible for produce left in a drop off location if you did not notify us of your absence **24 hours** prior to the pick up day. If you are out of town and do not want your box, please email us **24 hours** in advance. You will still be charged for the produce that week. You may also choose to have someone pick up your share at the farm that week on either of our distribution days.

Vacations/Out of Town:

We do not offer to put a share on hold. If you are unable to pick up your share, or have it delivered, you have a few options:

- Ask a family member, friend, or colleague to pick up your share on your chosen day, no need to email us. This is a great way to share produce with someone special to you.
- Donate the produce to the Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry on campus.

We are unable to do "make-up weeks" if you miss a week. This policy is important to us because it ensures consistency within our planning and production. We want to supply the best quality vegetables harvested at peak times that often can't wait until the following week.

Cancellations:

We are unable to refund payments once accepted. You may decide to donate the remainder of your payment to the Wildcat pantry, or you may use the remainder in your account as a credit to our market farm stand during distribution times.

Payment:

We accept cash or check. Please make checks payable to '**CSUC Farm OVP**'

Mail checks to: 311 Nicholas C. Schouten Ln. Chico 95928 **or drop off payment on CSA pick up day**

Prices:

*\$110 per month due at the beginning of each month -OR-
\$836 for 8 months (5% off for one-time payment)*

Too much Produce?

CSA members can split a share with a friend and/or alternate pick up weeks.

New to some vegetables? Unsure how to use them?

We provide weekly email updates from the farm. A day in advance, we will email you with the list of veggies in that week's CSA box. We try to include recipes, storage tips, and any other important information with items you may not be familiar with. If you have a favorite recipe feel free to share it with us!

How can I take home my share?

We provide wax boxes for picking up your produce. Please return them each week to your drop off location. You can bring your own bags or box to take your produce home if you don't want to take the box. **WE RECYCLE!** Please return wax boxes, plastic baskets and rubber bands for reuse. Unfortunately, we cannot reuse or redistribute plastic bags because of sanitation concerns. You may reuse your own plastic bags at pick up.

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(Please return the signed agreement below)

**Organic Vegetable Project
Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Agreement**

I _____ am committing to becoming a member of the Organic Vegetable Project's CSA program for the 2023 season. I will pick up my produce each week, have a friend pick it up, or will cancel my delivery in advance.

_____ Sign me up for pick up at the CSUC Farm on **Thursdays from 12pm-4pm \$110 per month or \$836 for 8 months (5% off for one-time payment)**

_____ Date ____/____/_____
Signature

Contact information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You may mail this agreement with a check to:
Organic Vegetable Project at 311 Nicholas C. Schouten Lane, Chico, CA95928
Please make checks payable to 'CSUC Farm OVP'
Or print, sign, and deliver with payment to the farm M-F 8am-12pm

