



**“This was our first year and we loved it. We actually had something to get excited about on Thursdays this summer.”**

Thank you for your interest in a CSA share with Hog's Back Farm. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and offers a way for people interested in quality food and sustainable food production to be assured of where their food comes from. At Hog's Back Farm we sell shares of our produce for the season and each week you receive a box overflowing with fresh tasty vegetables at one of our conveniently located pick-up sites.

Our farm is perched on a beautiful ridge in northern Pepin county, overlooking the Chippewa River Valley, between the towns of Plum City and Arkansaw, Wisconsin. We are about 65 miles southeast of St. Paul. In 2009 we became certified organic, which let's you know that we mean what we say when we tell you that we raise our crops without any chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

### WHAT'S IN A HOG'S BACK CSA SHARE?

Your share includes over 40 different crops, please see the list at right. Our main season runs for 18 weeks, from June to October. Our veggies are picked at the peak of ripeness, flavor and nutrition, and delivered to your pick up site within hours. Our share comes in a large reusable crate which, depending on the time of year, contains 6 to 26 pounds of produce. This is a good amount for two serious vegetable eaters, or four to six lighter vegetable eaters. If you think a share may be too much food for your household, we encourage you to split a share with a friend, or preserve some of the produce to use in the winter. You also receive our highly regarded weekly newsletter that helps you stay connected to what's happening on the farm, what's in your box, and contains a recipe or two. In addition to the vegetables we offer maple syrup, honey, fruit and some organically raised meats for sale from other farms and friends.

We also offer our popular winter shares so that you can extend the good eating later into the year. The

winter share consists of 4 deliveries every other week from October until Thanksgiving. The winter share comes chock-full of storage crops like carrots, potatoes, beets, squash, onions and garlic, as well as cold-hardy crops like spinach, broccoli, cabbage, kale and cauliflower. Our last share delivery is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and crammed full of things to make your big meal something to brag about.

New for 2012 we are offering certified organic fruit in the form of a fruit share. The fruit is not grown by us but sourced from small organic farms around the country and selected for ripeness and flavor. Often the fruit is delivered within days of being picked. It's a chance to get certified organic tree-ripened peaches, hand-picked blueberries, cherries, grapes, nectarines, apples, pears, pluots and more. We're offering a summer fruit share, which begins in early July and continues every-other week for 7 deliveries, and also a winter fruit share which coincides with each of the 4 winter share deliveries.

We also encourage members to take part in farm activities, from helping with the harvest and share pick up, to a joining us at our Pumpkin Day and harvest fest in October. Please contact us for more information about how you can get involved.

There are risks inherent in a CSA membership. We all share in the ups and downs of a summer in the Upper Midwest. We plant successive plantings of the most important crops so that there is rarely a complete lack of an item, and typically any shortages are offset by the abundance of another crop.

Factored in to the cost of a CSA share are things which have no value in the industrial agricultural model. Things like air and water quality, sustainable and organic farming practices, control of soil erosion, macro and micronutrient management, working with nature, rather than against it and sustainability for farm families and rural communities. By joining with a local farmer in their desire to produce responsible, sustainable food for your family you are helping to move us in the direction of a sustainable food system.

### JOIN US!

We are excited about the upcoming season and look forward to growing a wonderful experience for you and your family. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email. We'd love for you to be part of the Hog's Back Farm family. -David, Melinda, Iris and Baker Van Eeckhout

### A SAMPLING OF WHAT WE GROW

Arugula	Dill	Pea Shoots
Basil	Eggplant	Peas
Beets	Fennel	Peppers
Broccoli	Garlic	Potatoes
Brussels	Garlic Scapes	Radishes
Sprouts	Green Beans	Salad Mix
Cabbage	Green Garlic	Shallots
Cantaloupe	Kale	Spinach
Carrots	Kohlrabi	Sweet Corn
Cauliflower	Leeks	Tomatoes
Cilantro	Lettuce	Turnips
Corn Meal	Onions	Watermelon
Collards	Parsley	Winter Squash
Cucumbers	Parsnips	Zucchini



**“Thanks for so much goodness in a world gone mad!”**

## HOG'S BACK FARM 2012 CSA REGISTRATION FORM

Shares are sold on a first-come first-served basis. If you are splitting a share please fill in the info for both parties, whoever you put under Name 1 will be the primary contact for the share, so if there's a problem, that's who we'll contact. If you have any questions please contact us at 612-756-0690 or david@hogsbackfarm.com.

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Please choose your preferred share pickup location and share options below. Be aware that space is limited at each site, we will confirm your share with you via email. All shares are delivered to the pickup sites on Thursdays and are generally available for pickup between 4-7pm, shares may be available for pickup earlier at some sites.

- 4411 18th Ave S, Minneapolis (near Cedar Ave and 44th St)
- 5512 Columbus Ave, Minneapolis (between Diamond Lake and Lake Nokomis)
- 3916 Colorado Ave S, Saint Louis Park (near Methodist Hospital)
- 3936 Natchez, Saint Louis Park (near Hwy 100 and Excelsior Blvd)
- 4740 W 27th St., Saint Louis Park (East of Hwy 100, North of Minnetonka Blvd)
- 4001 Highwood Rd, Saint Louis Park, MN (near Cedar Lake, Hwy 100 and 394)
- 2445 Humboldt Ave S, Minneapolis, MN (Near Uptown and Lake of the Isles)
- 1686 St. Clair Ave, Saint Paul, MN (near Snelling and St. Clair)
- 1184 Hague Ave, Saint Paul, MN (near Lexington and Selby)

	Share type	Cost	Total
	2012 18-week Summer Vegetable Share	\$640	
	2012 Winter Share	\$220	
	2012 Summer Fruit Share	\$320	
	2012 Winter Fruit Share	\$160	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		

We offer an automatic payment plan which will make 5 withdrawals from your checking account over 5 months. If you'd like to take advantage of this fill out the attached automatic payment form. To reserve your share we must receive either an automatic payment form or a check made payable to Hog's Back Farm. Mail this form along with check or payment form to us at:

Hog's Back Farm, W8937 Moritz Lane, Arkansaw, WI 54721.

# Hog's Back Farm Automatic Payment Form

If you'd like to pay your share by having five payments automatically taken out of your checking or savings account please fill out your info, sign and send this to us by **February 25th**. All payments will be withdrawn on the first business day of March, April, May, June and July.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

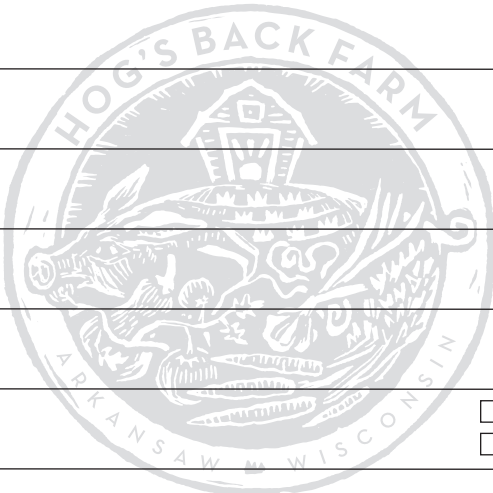
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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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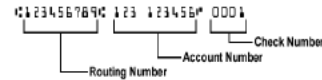
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	Winter Fruit Share	\$160	
	Total		
I split a share with:		Total ÷ 2	
Automatic Payment Amount		Total or split share amount ÷ 5	

I authorize Hog's Back Farm and Vanco Services, LLC to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this will remain in effect for five payments, one each in the months of March, April, May, June and July of 2012.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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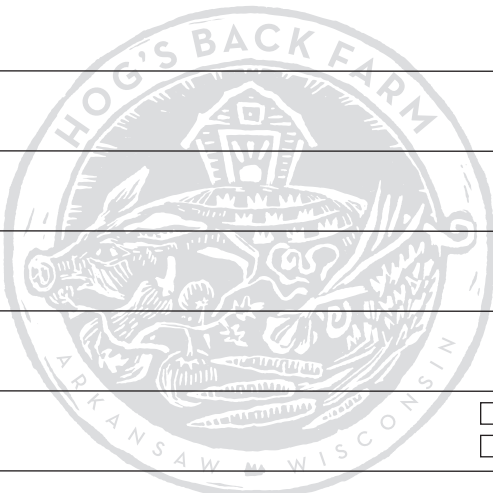
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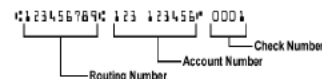
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