

SHARE THE HARVEST

Elmer Farm grows more than thirty five different vegetables, an array of flowers and a selection of culinary herbs. We harvest from mid-June through the end of October. While no two growing seasons are the same, below is a partial list and description of what your weekly share might consist of throughout the season.

JUNE Start the summer with crisp lettuce, brilliant radishes, zesty scallions, sugar snap peas, tender broccoli, sweet spinach, colorful rainbow chard and stunning hakurei turnips suited for salads or stir fry, an Elmer Farm favorite.

JULY As the summer heats up, enjoy fragrant culinary herbs, flavorful carrots, crunchy green beans, baby beets, plentiful salad greens and a multitude of unique varieties of cucumbers, summer squash and zucchini.

AUGUST The farm is exploding with flavor. Expect an array of red, orange & yellow heirloom tomatoes and sweet peppers, along with new red potatoes, creamy eggplant and savory garlic and onions. Cut your own flowers for a radiant bouquet to bring home.

SEPTEMBER Fall arrives. Cooler nights ripen vitamin packed kale and robust cabbage. August crops continue to produce with warm days. Heavenly winter squash and pie pumpkins are ready. Start baking!

OCTOBER The harvest season ends with an abundance of wholesome root crops including parsnips, carrots, beets and turnips. Feast on hearty cold loving crops such as brussels sprouts, leeks and cauliflower. A perfect time of year for nourishing soups.

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JOIN OUR FARM

We invite you to enjoy a season of quality fresh vegetables and flowers from Elmer Farm. Connect to your source of food and share the harvest. Sign up today!

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THE FARM SHARE

Membership

As a member of the Elmer Farm, you will receive fresh vegetables, flowers and herbs each week from mid-June until the end of October. In exchange, members sign a contract for the season and agree to pay in advance or in installments for the share. As a member, you and your family will learn about how and where your food is grown.

Pick Up on the Farm

Each week from mid-June through the end of October, you will come to Elmer Farm to pick up your vegetables. We are conveniently located on Rte 116 in East Middlebury. The vegetables will be displayed on tables similar to what you would see at a farmers market or grocery store. You will also have the opportunity to harvest herbs and cut your own flowers from the field, a great activity to do with kids or a friend!

Farm Share Agreement

As a farm share member, you trust us, the farmers, to provide you with the highest quality vegetables and an ample selection of crops for your share. As farmers, we work to the best of our ability to grow these crops successfully under a wide range of growing conditions. Ultimately, farming is largely weather dependent. Under adverse growing conditions, some crops not produce very well or at all. This is a risk that the members agree to take. However, in favorable conditions, the bounty can be outstanding and you benefit greatly from this abundance. Your advanced payment helps us with the substantial cost of getting these crops started and assures us of your commitment. Thank you.

Produce

We grow more than 35 different vegetables and value the importance of growing heirloom varieties. You will discover a wide selection of eggplant and peppers, over fifteen varieties of tomatoes and an exciting mix of greens. You can expect to try something new in your farm share.



Share Size

You will have the opportunity to customize your share to meet your family's needs. While some crops in short supply may have limits to ensure everyone gets enough, in general, you will be able to take whatever you expect to eat in a week.

Cost

The share is offered on a sliding scale based on the size of your family and your ability to pay. You choose the price that best matches your situation. We ask for payments in advance or in installments. Nobody will be excluded by the inability to pay. We proudly participate in the NOFA Vermont Farm Share program to make your share more affordable.

ELMER FARM

THE LAND. Elmer Farm is a conserved 90 acre farm located in East Middlebury. We grow 25 acres of grains, dry beans and mixed vegetables. Annually, the farm is inspected and certified by Vermont Organic Farmers. This reassures our members that the crops are grown responsibly and safely without the use of synthetic fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides.

THE HISTORY. Like so many of the old farmsteads in Addison County, the Elmer Farm has a long heritage of providing food for its community. This farm belonged to the Elmer family since the early 1800's. The receding glaciers bestowed the farm with a wonderful mix of fertile soils including almost 30 acres of sandy loam, excellent for growing vegetables.

THE FARMERS. We, Jennifer and Spencer Blackwell, along with our children, Ida and Angus, are proud to grow vegetables for our community, neighbors and friends in Addison County. We value hard work and quality of life. We are committed to our community through various farm to school efforts as well as gleanings for local food agencies.

