

ELMER FARM

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2016 CSA

SHARE THE HARVEST

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Elmer Farm grows more than thirty five different vegetables, an array of flowers and culinary herbs. This includes over 200 different varieties including many heirlooms. 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, sweet spinach, brilliant radishes, zesty scallions, sugar snap peas, colorful rainbow chard, baby bok choy, tender broccoli and hakurei turnips suitable for salads or stir fry, an Elmer Farm favorite.

JULY

As summer heats up, enjoy crunchy green beans, fragrant culinary herbs, flavorful carrots, baby beets, plentiful salad greens and an extraordinary variety of cucumbers, zucchini and summer squash.

AUGUST

The farm is exploding with flavor. Expect an array of heirloom tomatoes, outstanding red, yellow, and orange sweet peppers, new red potatoes, Japanese eggplant, savory onions and garlic. Cut your own flowers and create a



SEPTEMBER

Fall arrives. Cooler nights sweeten 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 leeks, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower. A perfect time of year for nourishing soups!

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

Like so many of the old farmsteads in Addison County, the Elmer Farm has a long heritage of providing food for it's 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, almost thirty acres of sandy loam, excellent for growing vegetables and grains.

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

THE FARM SHARE

Membership As a member of the Elmer Farm CSA, community supported agriculture, you will receive fresh vegetables, flowers and herbs each week from mid-June through the end of October for a total of 20 weeks. 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 will learn about where and how your food is grown and have the opportunity to participate in farm events!

Pick up at the farm Each week from mid-June through the end of October, you will come to Elmer Farm to pick up your vegetables. Pick-ups take place on WEDNESDAYS. We are located conveniently on route 116 in East Middlebury. The vegetables are displayed on tables similar to what you see at a farmers market or grocery store. Members choose from a selection of vegetables to create their weekly shares. You also have the opportunity to harvest herbs and cut your own flowers, a great activity to do with kids or a friend! You are welcome to pick once per week on any day of the week that best suits your schedule. You can also look forward to special events at pick ups such as guest vendors, taste testing and more!

Produce We grow more than thirty-five different vegetables and value the importance of growing heirloom varieties. You will discover a wide selection of eggplant and peppers, over 15 varieties of tomatoes and an exciting mix of greens. You can expect to try something new in your farm share. In addition to your weekly share of vegetables, you will also have the opportunity to purchase products such as bread, meat and maple syrup from local producers!

Share Size Elmer Farm offers several share sizes to meet your needs. These include a large share, medium share and small share. A small share might be ideal for a one person household or a family who wants to supplement their own garden. We are also pleased to offer ten week shares. The ten week share is a fall share. This membership takes place the last 10 weeks of the scheduled CSA season.

Affordability We strive to make the farm share affordable to those who wish to join our CSA. We do this by offering various share sizes, having flexible payment plans and providing work share opportunities. We also participate in the NOFA-VT Farm Share Program that awards scholarships to help members afford CSA shares. We greatly appreciate your tax deductible contribution to support this program!

Farm Share Agreement

As a CSA member, you trust us, the farmers, to provide with you with the highest quality of 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 do 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 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 for supporting our farm!