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November 24, 2009

2010 CSA Registration!

Dear CSA Members,

Thank you once again for your involvement with the CSA this past year. Today we are excited to announce the opening of registration for the 2010 season! At this point, only current members will be allowed to register. At a later date, we will open registration to everyone else who may be interested. Get your registration in early to be sure you get a spot!

There are several new and exciting changes for the CSA 2010 season. Please read on to learn about the changes we've made to the CSA this year, and when you are ready, click to download your [registration form](#).

Changes we've made cover topics like: "Choice Style", New Share Sizes, Winter Share, and CSA 2010 Season date changes. Read below to learn more.

What's New for the 2010 CSA Season?

Registration Timeline: We are opening registration to current members now and will open registration to the general public at a later date. As a 2009 CSA member you have the opportunity to renew your membership before the general public can sign up. After we open the CSA to the public we will accept applications until the CSA is full. If you are planning on signing up for the 2010 season, please do so as soon as possible. We will list on the our mebership is full for the season.

More Choice! In response to the overwhelming majority that voiced they'd like to choose more of the vegetables in their shares, in addition to offering to deliver shares pre-boxed, in 2010 we are also introducing "Choice Style." With "Choice Style" the difference will be that rather than picking up your share in a crate, you will arrive at the CSA to an array of produce spread out on tables in an arrangement similar to a market. Signs will be displayed that guide you in the selection and quantity of vegetables to choose from. There will soon be an informational video on Farmer Dave's website that leads you through the "Choice Style" at CSA distribution (stay tuned for this video).

We recognize that while a majority is interested in choosing more of the vegetables in their shares, for some this is not convenient, and with that in mind we will continue to offer to pre-box shares if desired. **Note that in filling out your registration form, you will automatically be**

signed up for "Choice Style" unless you indicate you would like your share to be boxed.

CSA Opens Mid-June: We will be starting the CSA season two weeks earlier this year. The season will last 20 weeks from mid-June through the end of October, just before the start of the winter share (see below). We will kick off the season with some of the following produce:

Arugula, lettuce, baby beets, radishes, snap peas, bok choy, cilantro, summer squashes, garlic scapes, chives, spinach and scallions.

Small Share: Due to popular demand we are offering a Small Share in the 2010 CSA season. The small share will be appropriate on average for 1 person, or to supplement your grocery purchases with some great fresh, local produce. The regular share will continue to be offered and will contain the same amount of produce as last year's regular share (5-20 lbs. of produce or enough for 2 vegetarians and 4 omnivores).

Super Family Share: We are increasing the size of the Super Share this year, making it appropriate for sizeable families. The share will be roughly 30% larger than the 2009 Super Share. Again, the regular share will continue to be offered and will contain the same amount of produce as last year's regular share (5-20 lbs. of produce or enough for 2 vegetarians and 4 omnivores).

Winter Share: We are extending the CSA season! When the main CSA season finishes up at the end of October, you will now be able to continue enjoying Farmer Dave's produce with the Winter Share. The Winter Share will start at the beginning of November and last through the middle of December, with larger holiday shares the week of November 22nd and December 13th. You can look forward the following in items your winter share:

Brussels sprouts, cabbage, broccoli, potatoes, carrots, beets, onions, garlic, celeriac, turnips, different winter squashes, spinach, winter greens, leeks, apples, cranberries, parsnips, and lettuce.

Fruit Share: You will notice that the price for the fruit share has increased for the 2010 CSA, but that the duration of the fruit share has not changed (12 weeks). This change is in response to the feedback we received from the survey, which noted many as wishing they could receive more in their fruit share. The increased cost will mean more of the fruit you love each week!


Ready to register?

Click [here](#) to download the registration form!

Support Farmer Dave's at the Glow Gala!



Each year Groundwork Lawrence hosts the Glow Gala & Annual Fundraiser, an evening of lively music and dancing, fabulous food, exciting raffle prizes and a silent "eco-art" auction



contributed by the amazingly creative artists of the Greater Lawrence area and beyond.

This year, in effort to further our mission of increased fresh food in Lawrence and support of local farms, Groundwork Lawrence has chosen a caterer for Glow which will showcase Farmer Dave's fabulous seasonal produce. Farmer Dave and members of his crew will be in attendance as well. So come join us for Glow, and continue to support Farmer Dave!

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased via our [website](#) or by sending a check made out to Groundwork Lawrence to: Groundwork Lawrence, 60 Island Street, Lawrence, MA 01840

Once you purchase a ticket, your name will go on our guest list (you will not receive an actual ticket!).

Volunteers are also needed for the event! We'll need help the day before Glow (Wednesday, Dec. 10) and the day and evening of Glow (Thursday, Dec. 11). **Please email [Heather](#) if you are interested in volunteering.**

Lastly, it's not too late to submit eco-art! Submission deadline is Monday, November 30th, at 5 pm (no exceptions). For more details & the eco-art registration form, visit our [website](#).

Please Return Your CSA Crates!

We are still missing some CSA crates so if you still have one floating around your car or home please be sure to return them to Groundwork Lawrence's office at 60 Island Street, 2nd Floor West, Lawrence (2nd floor of the building where CSA pick-up was). If someone is at the office when you come by, please give them your name so that we can check off that you returned your crate; if someone is not at the office when you come by, please leave your name on a note attached to the crate.

If you've completely lost your crate, please note that Farmer Dave's will have to charge \$15 for yellow crates and \$25 for red crates to cover the cost of the lost crate. These checks should be made out to Farmer Dave's and be mailed or brought to:

**Farmer Dave's
436 Parker Road
Dracut, MA 01826**

You may also reach them by email (farm@farmerdaves.net) or by phone ([978.349.1952](tel:978.349.1952)).

Thank you!

Give the Gift of Fresh Produce

CSA Shares make great gifts for holidays, birthdays and special celebrations. As the holiday season approaches, consider giving a gift that will last the whole growing season long!

Sincerely,
Groundwork Lawrence

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