



## with **Circle Brook Farm**

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### **WHAT IS A C.S.A.?**

In the beginning of the growing season, usually around March, members purchase a “share” of produce from a local farmer. By paying for the produce upfront, you are providing the farmer with the funds to plan and support the farm during the growing season. Being a member of a CSA means that you are supporting local, sustainable agriculture and nourishing your body with fresh, organic produce. CSA's make eating organic affordable and provides the opportunity to discover new seasonal vegetables and new cooking experiences. By joining a CSA you are making a conscious decision to know where your food is coming from and ensuring that your family is eating fresh picked, high quality food, grown with the safest practices.

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### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Members will pick up the delivered produce on Tuesday's in Caldwell from mid-June to mid- November. The site is set up farm stand style with all the vegetable in bins, ready for each member to pick out and weigh their own produce. Everyone contributes to the CSA by volunteering for shifts to help set up or clean up the site. Kids are welcome to come and help out, play and learn about where our food comes from. It is a great time to meet members of the community, make friends and swap recipes.

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### **ABOUT CIRCLE BROOK FARM**

John Krueger, formerly of Heirloom Farm recently purchased Starbrite farm and renamed it Circle Brook Farm. Some of our members were instrumental in fronting him the money to buy the farm last year! He produces high quality organic vegetables for several CSA groups and area farmers' markets. Circle Brook is certified organic and includes 9.5 acres of fenced and irrigated cropland in Hardwick Township. John also leases several acres of fertile land on Goodhand Farm in nearby Handover Township. John is currently the only organic grower at the Montclair Farmer's Market and has been doing CSA's for ten years. John takes great pride in delivering beautiful and nutritious vegetables to his customers. Circle Brook delivers farm shares to the Caldwell CSA on Tuesday afternoons and members are encouraged to visit John at the market on Saturdays where they will receive a 10% discount. In addition to the weekly deliveries, John will keep us informed about the season with weekly farm updates and there will be at least one farm event when members can visit the farm. We are thrilled to be entering our 6th CSA season with John- every year gets better and better!

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### **WHAT'S IN THE SHARE?**

Each week will vary in the assortment of vegetables you get (some vegetables will overlap from week to week depending on what is in season). You can expect both familiar vegetables and new vegetables that are

not often seen in supermarkets. John grows many specialty heirloom varieties that enhance the spectrum of each share. Previous harvests have produced: Arugula, Asian Greens, Basil, Beans, Beets, Broccoli, Broccoli Raab, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Celeriac, Chard, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Garlic, Ground Cherries, Herbs, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Melons, Mustard led to Greens, Onions, Parsnips, Peas, Peppers, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Radishes, Salad Mix, Scallions, Spinach, Summer Squash, Spinach, Tomatoes, Tomatillos, Turnips, Winter Squash. The size of each delivery changes according to the growing season. In general, the shares will start out smaller and build in size during the summer. **However, each share is always abundant (about 2-3 grocery bags) and will easily feed a family of four or five.**

Samples shares from 2015:

July: Romaine lettuce, carrots, garlic, broccoli, eggplant, cucumbers, summer squash, kohlrabi, 1 lb. English peas, choice of herb (parsley, dill, summer savory)

October: Green leaf lettuce, turnips, daikon, broccoli, peppers, choice of arugula or tatsoi, white potatoes, red onions, pumpkins, choice of wax beans or edamame (1/2 lb.), herb (parsley, dill or cilantro)

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## MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

All members are required to sign up for two work shifts over the entire season (but members are always welcome to do more shifts!). Setup will start at 2:00 and clean-up will start at 7. Set up and clean up take roughly 10-15 minutes. Setup is done with another member and break down is done alone. This volunteer shift is a very important part of participation in the CSA as it is a program run by the community. We don't want to saddle the site host, Jessica, with all the responsibility for cleanup and setup! Any adult in your household can participate in the work shifts. If you absolutely cannot participate in the work shifts, please let us know when you sign up and we can discuss alternate tasks you could do.

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## COSTS

### FULL Share Cost \$675 Early bird- \$650

- A 24 week vegetable share for 2017 will cost \$675 (that's only \$28 a week!)
- A share easily feeds a family of 4-6. It will have approximately 12-13 items in each share.
- The **Early Bird Rate is \$650** if paid by **March 15, 2017**
- Share checks should be made out to "**Circle Brook Farm**".

### NEW! HALF Share Cost- \$375

- A 12 week vegetable share for 2017 will cost \$ 375
- The **Early Bird rate is \$350** if paid by **March 15**
- Members will pick up a full sized share of vegetables **every other Tuesday** (your pick up week will be pre-assigned to you).
- A half share should feed a family of 2-4 comfortably.
- Share checks should be made out to "**Circle Brook Farm**".

### Site Fee

- A \$20 site fee per member for full shares, \$10 per member for half shares is due by the first delivery for full shares This pays for items such as the website fee, bins, tables, scales, white boards, paper, markers and miscellaneous needs to maintain the CSA.
- Site fee checks should be made out to "**Jessica Cicerone**".

**\*\*\*Please do not combine the site fee and veggie share cost in one check. They are paid separately\*\*\***

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## WHERE AND WHEN

The 2017 season will run from **June- November** (24 weeks). Pick up is every Tuesday from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Members will pick up their produce on the front porch of the CSA coordinator's house, **46 Central Avenue, Caldwell**. All members get a weekly assortment of organic produce, weekly emails about the farm and farm events and a 10% discount at John's market stand.

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## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Caldwell CSA also offers items which can be ordered separately or in addition to your produce share.

### Fruit Share

Circle Brook Farm will be offering a fruit share for us this year for \$15 a week. The fruit share will be 12-14 weeks during the summer providing a good crop. Registration information will be provided closer to the start of the season.

### Honey

Bee My Honey Apiary provides our members with a variety of delicious, local, raw honey, creamed honey, bee pollen and other bee products. Members can contact Michelle Sager directly to order honey products at [mishsager@yahoo.com](mailto:mishsager@yahoo.com).

### Organic, Pastured Beef & Pork, Chicken and Eggs

Wrong Direction Farms in Canajoharie, NY will be providing our excellent meat and eggs. Dave and Rachel Perozzi own the farm and raise beef, pork and chicken that are mainly pastured and fed organic grain when necessary. They have fantastic farming practices and Dave maintains a great blog about their farm and organic farming in general. There will be an option to sign up for a prepaid share of eggs and meat that will be delivered every two weeks. Stay tuned for details about the egg/meat shares.

Members will also be given the option to order eggs/meat as a subscription or a la carte every other week from Wrong Direction farm. Specific details and prices for the egg and meat shares will be available shortly. You will have to create a username and login through their website and select "Caldwell CSA" as your site. You can order whatever you like on their website and pay via credit card (it will be an approximation) through the site. Once your order is put together you will be charged for the final amount (with the exact weights of the meat etc). Deliveries will be made twice per month at Jess's house on a Tuesday. Please check them out at [wrongdirectionfarm.com](http://wrongdirectionfarm.com).

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## QUESTIONS

For more information or questions, feel free to check out our webpage at [www.caldwellcsa.org](http://www.caldwellcsa.org) or contact Jessica Cicerone or Shana Dastur at: [caldwellcsa@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellcsa@gmail.com). We are also on Facebook! Check out our page to chat with other members and see fun recipes for the produce.

# Caldwell CSA 2017 Membership Registration

SHARE TYPE (Check one):

- FULL SHARE
- HALF SHARE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am splitting a FULL Share with: (leave blank if N/A)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the following to Jessica at the address below:

- The 2017 membership form (this page)
- Your share check payable to **Circle Brook Farm**
- Your membership fee check (\$20 full/ \$10 half) payable to **Jessica Cicerone**

Caldwell CSA  
% Jessica Cicerone  
46 Central Avenue  
Caldwell NJ 07006

I support the goals of Community Supported Agriculture and want to be a member of this community/farmer partnership by sharing the economic responsibilities and the bounty of the vegetables. John Krueger, the farmer of Circle Brook Farm, is committed to plant and harvest organically grown food to the best of his ability, with nature's help and to deliver it to our pick-up site. As a CSA member, I understand that my responsibilities include: Picking my food up at the distribution site between 3:00- 7:00 pm on Tuesdays, working 2 shifts per season, and committing to the farm, not to a set amount of produce. I understand that I share with the farmer the risks of growing and distributing the food. I will therefore share in the successes, as well as the failures, of the harvest.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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