



Finding a CSA in Charlotte - Who? What? Where?

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So, what does CSA stand for?

- CSA is an acronym for Community Supported Agriculture and is a business model for local, sustainable farms that allows customers to “pre-pay” for a season’s worth of fresh veggies, fruit, herbs, mushrooms, meat, cheese, eggs, flowers and MORE (depending on what the farm offers).

What are “shares”?

- Farms run their program differently but usually a “share” represents a week’s harvest and farms will offer a “small” and “large” options, to try and meet the needs of customers and how many people are in their households.

How do I get my “share”?

- Farms will have pick-up and drop off sites for their shares each week. It is important when selecting a CSA to join that you choose a pick-up time AND location that is convenient. You don’t want to miss a pick up! It’s not fair to you or your farmer!

So, why would I want to choose a CSA instead of just going to the farmer’s market or the grocery store?

- CSA’s allow you to develop a relationship with a particular farm, their system and their product. Farmers who have CSA programs are dependent on CSA sales to kick off their growing season each year. When you buy a CSA, you’re really contributing to the success and sustainability of small, local farms in your community!

Who should NOT have a CSA? (Insight taken from Small City Farm)

- “Folks who do not like lots of different kinds of vegetables” Note: Farmers will pick the vegetables that go into the shares each week. They’re pretty good at what they do and you can always expect variety! You’ll get to try new things and savor old favorites.
- “People who don’t like to cook” Note: Vegetables are delicious raw, yes, but lots require some cooking as well. You’ll find the creative juices flowing with each week’s box! Feel the inspiration, embrace it!
- “People who don’t like to plan ahead” Note: You’ll need to plan for your pick-ups each week and then meal prep from time to time depending on what comes in your box. Be prepared to make pesto if you have too much basil or salsa when tomatoes are in abundance!



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CSA Programs in Charlotte

Who?	What?	When?	Where?
Coto Family Farms	Vegetable Shares	Spring & Summer	South End Market, Saturdays
Cold Water Creek Farms	Vegetable & Dairy Shares	April/May through July (14 weeks)	South End Market, Saturdays Concord, Tuesdays, 6 - 7pm
Bell's Best Berries	Vegetable & Egg Shares	Spring/Summer Shares = April - end of the summer Winter Shares = October - December	South End Market, Saturdays 9 - 12 Downtown Matthews, Fridays 3 - 5:30pm Monroe Aquatics Center, Fridays 3 - 5pm
Bush-n-Vine Farm	Vegetable Shares - By season & by size	7 week increments for spring, summer 1, summer 2, fall and winter	Ballantyne (Pike's Nursery) and South Park (Jesse Brown's), Wednesdays 12 - 7pm Belmont, Mt. Holly, Lake Wylie, Gastonia, York (SC) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
Farmer Gene Farms	Vegetable - Large & Small Shares	Spring Shares = 8 weeks Summer Shares = 12 weeks Fall Shares = 8 weeks	Charlotte Regional Farmers Market, Saturdays 8-3 & Fridays 10-2 Monroe Farmers Market, Saturdays 8-2 & Tuesdays 9-2
Rowland's Row Family Farm	Vegetable Shares - Vegetables, Fruit, Herbs & Mushrooms	12 Consecutive weeks in Spring & Fall	Matthew's Farmers Market & Davidson Farmer's Market, Saturdays 8am - 12pm



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Correll Farms	Vegetable Shares - Classic & Petite	15 week program, starting in mid-April	Correll Farms offers HOME DELIVERY for folks living in Davidson and select sites in north-Charlotte
New Town Farms	Vegetable Shares	20 weeks, April - August	On Farm (Waxhaw, New Town Road) Matthew's Community Farmers Market, Saturdays
Wild Hope Farm	Vegetable & Flower Shares	End of April - July (14 weeks)	Resident Culture Brewing & Matthews Community Farmers Market (Saturdays)
Small City Farm	Vegetable, Egg & Flower Shares	Spring/Summer Shares = Late April, lasts 18 weeks Fall Shares = October & November, 8 weeks	On the Farm, Wednesdays, 1:30 - 6:30pm 1401 Auten Road (about 6.5 miles from Uptown Charlotte!)
Bluebird Farm	Vegetable Shares, Pork, Beef & Egg Shares	Main Season = 20 weeks, Mid-May through September Fall Season = 7 weeks, Late September through October/November Winter Season = Pork, Beef & Eggs only, starting in November	Charlotte Regional Farmers Market, Saturdays 8am - 12pm
The Farm at Dover Vineyards	Vegetable Shares, Market CSA	June - September (14 weeks)	Plaza Midwood Farmers Market, Saturdays NoDa Market, Thursdays



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			Traditional CSA -- pick-up at Farm Stand in Concord, Customer's Choice
Windcrest Organics	Market Advantage CSA	Spring & Summer	Matthews Community Farmers Market, Saturdays
Hot Pepper Herb Farm	Flexible CSA at Market - not just hot peppers!	Spring & Summer	Matthews Community Farmers Market, Saturdays
Clearview Farm	Chicken & Egg Shares - 3-4 lb bird & a dozen eggs	Spring & Summer, 5-10 week program	Matthews Community Farmers Market, Saturdays
Windy Hill Farm	Meat Shares - Beef, Pork, Chicken, and/or Eggs	6-month subscription Half shares and Full shares available	South End Market, Tuesdays 3-6pm & Saturdays 9am-2pm Charlotte Regional Farmers Market, Saturdays 9-12