



FARM TO GO

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) from Pike Place Market

What is the Farm to Go CSA program?

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, a partnership between farmers and consumers. The Farm to Go CSA is a partnership in which members sign up for a season's worth of fresh and local produce that is sourced from our Pike Place Market Farmers. The produce is packed by Pike Place Market Staff and dedicated volunteers and then conveniently delivered to participating offices, work places, or community centers each week. The program supports local farmers to grow their businesses by opening additional sales channels, connecting them with new customers, allowing them to experiment with new crops and varieties, and more.

How long is Farm to Go?

The Farm to Go program runs **20 weeks** from mid-June through October.

Where is the produce coming from?

The produce comes from Pike Place Market farmers. Since we have farmers from all over the state of Washington, your basil may be from Fall City while your tomatoes may be from Sunnyside. Each week you will get a list of the produce in your box with the farm name, location, and the farmers' growing practices (i.e. organic, no spray, etc). Pike Place farmers have to grow everything they bring to their tables at Pike Place. That means if you can't grow it in Washington, you won't see it in your Farm to Go box.

What will I get each week?

We have a projection for what will be in each week's share, but we can't promise that it won't change. There are so many external variables involved with growing and harvesting each crop, which means sometimes we will not be able to include an item that we had planned for. We aim to supply members with a potential produce list for each week's share early in the week, but again that list is subject to change. We will always try to include the following in each box: fruit, a few staples (ie carrots, onions, garlic, potatoes, etc..) a leafy green, and other vegetables or herbs. Our goal is to provide a mix of familiar and loved crops as well as some new and exciting varieties. You will also receive a weekly "Fresh Sheet" that showcases recipes, storage tips, and easy preparation ideas to help make the most of your fruits and vegetables.

There are two different share sizes available. The **Regular Share** contains 7-8 produce items from Market farmers and usually contains at least two items of fruit. This share feeds 1-2 people who frequently eat fresh produce during the summer and fall, or a household of 3 or more that eats a moderate amount of produce. The price of the Regular Share is **\$480 for 20 weeks** (\$24/box). The **Small Share** contains 5-6 produce items from Market farmers and usually contains at least one item of fruit. This share feeds 1-2 people who eat a moderate amount of produce. The price of the Small Share is **\$360 for 20 weeks** (\$18/box).

What about add-ons?

In addition to a weekly box of produce, members may choose to add additional items, such as honey or jam, to their upcoming share. Add-ons can be viewed and purchased through our online store once members have signed up and created an account. Add-ons are either grown and processed by Pike Place Market farmers, or made locally by small-batch producers and

processors who sell their products at Pike Place or at one of our Express Markets, and who source a majority of their ingredients from Pike Place farmers or other Washington growers.

Can I substitute or change any of the items in my box?

Members are not able to substitute or make changes to box contents. We try very hard to create shares that are versatile and appeal to people with different preferences. If there is a vegetable that you simply don't enjoy, share with your friend, neighbor, or fellow CSA member. We hope that you'll welcome the mix of staples and new exciting vegetables, and perhaps find a new favorite!

How is the produce delivered each week?

Each week's selection of fresh produce will be packed into a reusable wax box that is lined with a plastic liner. The box helps to protect the fragile crops that may be in your share, such as tomatoes or peaches, and to keep the leafy greens crisp. In order to reuse the boxes each week to pack produce, we must use a plastic liner to keep produce from coming into contact with the box itself. Reusing the boxes helps us keep costs low, so we can focus on the fresh produce inside the box. In addition, the reusable boxes help us lower our impact on the environment and waste over all. To make traveling home with your produce more convenient, we ask that you bring a reusable grocery bag each week when you pick up your share.

We ask that you break down your box after getting your produce and leave it in your pick-up location. Farm Program staff will pick up the empty boxes so that we can reuse them for your next share!

I can't pick up my box next week, what will happen to it?

If you can't pick up your box during the designated time frame, we recommend that you ask a friend if they wouldn't mind picking it up for you. Unfortunately we don't have the capacity to make special arrangements to cancel or put shares on hold. At the end of the delivery day, all boxes that are unaccounted for will be donated to the Pike Place Food Bank, so if you can't pick it up it will still go to good use!

How do I sign up?

You can sign up for the Farm to Go CSA by visiting our website:

<http://pikeplacemarket.org/farmtogo>

Can I cancel my share or get a refund?

Cancellations are not available after the enrollment deadline. Refunds are not available after payment has been submitted.

Thank you for your interest in the Farm to Go CSA! We look forward to connecting you with farmers across Washington State and providing you with delicious produce this summer!