



FAQ's

What does CSA stand for?

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. CSA's consist of a group of individuals (members) who pledge support to a farm operation in exchange for a share in the harvest.

What day and where will members pick up produce?

Produce with Purpose CSA members will pick up their produce on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Omaha Home for Boys' Dining Hall on the main campus at 52nd and Ames Streets. Full share members will pick up produce every Friday from June 1 through October 12. Half share members will pick up produce every other Friday June 1 through October 5.

What will members receive in their shares?

Each week Produce with Purpose CSA members will receive a variety of fresh, in-season, locally grown fruits and/or vegetables as well as a dozen eggs if selected at time of registration. Produce may include foods such as apples, watermelon, tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers to salad greens, turnips, beets and eggplant. Members will also receive a weekly email with recipe(s) using the produce in the share as well as updates and photos from Cooper Farm.

How much produce will each share include?

Shares average 10 to 12 pounds of produce each week throughout the season. A share is typically enough produce to supply a family of four for one week. Sound like too much produce for you? Consider splitting your share with a coworker, neighbor or friend!

Are members guaranteed to receive shares?

Investing in Cooper Farm's Produce with Purpose CSA means members are also willing to share the risk of inclement weather with us. While members will most likely enjoy the results of a bountiful harvest, they also accept that there may be crop failure. In the event that crops are damaged, we will do our best to provide members with the quantities and varieties we have available.

If members elect to add eggs to their share, where do the eggs come from?

Just like the produce, member's dozen eggs will come from Cooper Farm! Cooper Farm's flock of hens have outdoor access from dawn to dusk allowing them to scratch around the chicken yard for bugs, critters and live vegetation. To complement their foraged diet, the hens are fed a mix of small grains that are locally grown and milled by the Miller Dohrmann Farms located less than two miles from Cooper Farm.



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What is the role of the Omaha Home for Boys' youth at Cooper Farm? What skills are the youth learning?

Young men in Omaha Home for Boys Residential Care Program have the opportunity to work at Cooper Farm through the Home's Youth Employment Program. In addition to tending the livestock at the farm, youth play a vital role in supplying the Produce with Purpose fruits and vegetables. Youth are involved in gardening tasks including transplanting seeds from the greenhouse to the garden, prepping garden beds, watering, weeding and harvesting. They also clean, package and deliver the produce. Omaha Home for Boys' youth help supply Produce with Purpose produce every step of the way from seed to your table.

Through the Youth Employment Program, youth learn how to apply for jobs, gain interview skills and build their resume. On the job, they are held to the same standards – proper dress code, punctuality, notification of absence, respect for superiors – as any employer would expect. More specifically Cooper Farm's Produce with Purpose CSA teaches the youth basic gardening skills. Youth learn about our local food economy, farming, conservation practices, price points and customer service.

Why choose Cooper Farm's Produce with a Purpose CSA?

Variety. One of the many great things about a CSA is that members don't know exactly what produce they'll be receiving each week which gives them the opportunity to try new foods and new recipes.

Local. Produce is grown at Cooper Farm located on the outskirts of Omaha and supports our local food economy.

Fresh. The produce travels just a few short miles from Cooper Farm directly to members – no extended time in transport or sitting on the grocery store shelves.

Safe. Cooper Farm focuses on building the garden's soil by using cover crops and compost rather than synthetic chemicals, fertilizers or pesticides.

And the most important reason of all...Mission. Membership in Cooper Farm's Produce with Purpose CSA supports the mission of Omaha Home for Boys – *to support and strengthen youth, young adults and families.* Youth working at Cooper Farm gain valuable job skills and learn life skills that will remain with them long after their time on the Farm.

Questions?

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