

# Love Dove Farms | Woodbine, MD 2016 CSA Application

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*Thank you for your interest in our 2016 CSA! Please take the time to carefully read these pages so you'll be more familiar with how our CSA membership will work.*

## CSA Information

### How long is the Love Dove CSA season?

The 2016 Spring CSA season is 12 weeks – May 8 through July 24, 2016.

The 2016 Full CSA season is 30 weeks – May 8 through December 4, 2016.

### Where are the pickup locations and times?

We currently are only offering one location and two days & times:

Miller Library: Every Sunday, 11:00am to 1:00pm

Health Unlimited, Mount Airy: Every Thursday, 6:00pm to 7:30pm

### What vegetables might be included in the share?

In the Spring, your bag might include some of the following items: arugula, spinach, swiss chard, beets, kale, radishes, turnips, sugar snap peas, 8-variety salad mix, carrots, scallions, tat soi, baby bok choi, stir fry mix, mizuna and more!!

While we grow many varieties of vegetables, it is important to note that they aren't all ripe at exactly the same time, so only about 5 to 10 different items are included in each week's share.

### What size is the share?

There are two options; a small share will consist of at least \$25 worth of fresh produce every week, while a large share will consist of at least \$35 worth of fresh produce each week.

### What are your growing practices?

We do not use any chemicals or pesticides, including any synthetic chemical insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, or fertilizers. We instead focus on building healthy, living soil that are more resistant to pests and disease. We increase organic matter in the soil by utilizing cover crops. Rotating our crops utilize nutrients and break the cycle of weeds, pests and disease. We conserve water resources by mulching, and using drip irrigation only when necessary. Use of well water reduces the possibility of food contamination that can occur through use of surface water for irrigation.

### What is unique about Love Dove Farms?

All of our produce is naturally growing without the use of any chemicals or pesticides. Everything included in your CSA was grown right here on our farm, by us. With our five high tunnels, we are able to extend our growing seasons and get a jump start in the spring.

This is our fifth year offering a CSA, and we appreciate your input. Please let us know how we are doing throughout the season.

### What is the cost?

A small share is \$25/week for 12 weeks, \$300.

A large share is \$35/week for 12 weeks, \$420.

A small share is \$25/week for 30 weeks, \$750.

A large share is \$35/week for 30 weeks, \$1,050.

The amount for all the weeks of the season is paid upfront.

### Do I get to choose what vegetables I get?

A farm share generally includes 5-10 different types of vegetables of whatever is in season that week. You don't get to choose what vegetables you will receive, but we try to provide a diverse variety of produce each week. We encourage you to let us know what you LOVE and we will try our best to incorporate more of those items into your share. Some vegetables may be new to you, which encourages creativity and resourcefulness to try some new recipes!

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## What if I cannot make it for one or two weeks?

We understand that it can be difficult to make it to the pickup every week for 12 or 30 weeks. If you cannot make it to your requested pickup day or time, let us know ahead of time, and you may pickup on the alternate day/time. We are flexible and as long as you let us know before we harvest for you, we will always work with you. An additional option is doubling up a following week, or adding items over the course of a few weeks.

## Can I cancel my membership in the CSA?

By signing up, you are committing yourself to be a member of our CSA for the entire spring season, thus providing us with a secure market — a very welcome thing in the uncertain world of farming! We, in turn, dedicate ourselves to being your farmers, providing you with nutritious, naturally grown, high quality produce. You are free to transfer ownership of your share at any time, but there are no refunds.

## What happens if there is a crop failure?

One of the fundamental principles of Community Supported Agriculture is that the shareholder shares both the bounty and the risk of the farm. In farming, there are definitely no guarantees that a crop will succeed; there are many things that can go wrong. We try to do everything within our means to try to make each crop a success, but it doesn't always work. Growing many different crops helps insure that, even if some crops fail, there will be enough of other crops to fill the gaps.

There may be slow weeks here and there, but there will be other weeks which more than make up the difference. We are confident that you will be pleased with your weekly shares — amount as well as quality.

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## CSA Form

### Share Type

#### Sunday Pickup, 11am - 1:00pm

- Miller Library Pickup, Spring Small Share: \$300
- Miller Library Pickup, Spring Large Share: \$420
- Miller Library Pickup, Full Small Share: \$750
- Miller Library Pickup, Full Large Share: \$1,050

All checks payable to Love Dove Farms, 14949 Old Frederick Rd. Woodbine MD, 21797

#### Thursday Pickup, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

- Mount Airy Pickup, Spring Small Share: \$300
- Mount Airy Pickup, Spring Large Share: \$420
- Mount Airy Pickup, Full Small Share: \$750
- Mount Airy Pickup, Full Large Share: \$1,050

### Contact Information

Name

Email

Phone

Mailing Address

How did you hear about our CSA?

Comments

### Membership Agreement

- I have carefully read and understand the pages above.
- I understand that by signing below I am committing myself to being a member of the Love Dove Farms 2016 Spring CSA program for the entire CSA season. I understand that although I may transfer share ownership to another person at any time during the season, there are no refunds. The farm is counting on my season-long commitment to provide them with a stable income in an environment that is anything but stable.
- I understand that ownership of a share does not give me any control over the operations of the farm, (although my suggestions are welcomed), and that my share ownership ceases at the end of the season.
- I understand that farming is seasonal and highly dependent on weather and other environmental influences. Both the contents and quantities will vary considerably throughout the season. Hopefully times of little will make us even more grateful for the times of plenty.
- I understand that I will receive a share of produce every week for the duration of the season. Each pickup location has a specified time frame for pickup. Unless otherwise determined, if I do not come within that time frame, I will lose my share of the harvest that week. I understand that it is very important that I pick up my share on time (or have someone else pick it up on time).

Signature

Date

Applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis and must include check for the whole amount. Please send the application (just page 3) along with a check for the share amount\*, made payable to "Love Dove Farms".

Please send application and check to 14949 Old Frederick Rd. Woodbine, MD 21797. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments. Our contact information is at the top of every page. Thank you very much for your support and we look forward to bringing you the finest in local vegetables!

\* If you are unable to pay the full amount upfront, please let us know and we'll try to find a way to make it work.