



What is a CSA?

Definition

CSA stands for “Community Supported Agriculture,” and represents a system in which farmers are directly linked to consumers. Participants buy a share of the farms’ produce before the seasons begins and then receive weekly allotments of the harvest. CSAs help farmers maintain a controlled income that doesn’t fluctuate based on the ups and downs of market prices.



How to get involved

Many farms have online options to sign up for a CSA, but directly contacting farms is always an option. CSA shares are often sold based on season- spring, summer, and fall- and can be purchased in these three-month increments. Seasonality will affect what kind of products customers receive- it’s always a fun experience to learn how to cook new things that arrive in your box!



Benefits

CSA prices reflect the true cost of production and allow farmers to use organic and humane methods to raise their crops and livestock. Food from CSAs does not travel nearly as far as food in the supermarket, which reduces the food’s carbon footprint and preserves the taste and nutrients of the items. CSAa are also a great way for neighborhood residents to get to know farmers in their area!



CSA Farms and Pickup Locations

Angelic Organics

Phone: 815-389-2746 **Website:** <https://angelicorganics.com/>

Location: 1547 Rockton Road, Caledonia IL 61011

Pickup: on-site and throughout Cook, Lake, and DuPage counties

Big Rock Organics

Phone: 309-231-9290 **Website:** <https://bigrockorganics.com/>

Location: 201 W Galena St, Big Rock, IL 60511

Pickup: Locations throughout Dupage County

Bray Grove Farm

Phone: 815-941-1544 **Website:** <https://www.braygrovefarm.com/>

Location: Bray Grove Farm, PO Box 576, Morris, IL 60450

Pickup: Locations in Western Chicago Suburbs

Broad Branch Farm

Phone: 309-231-9290 **Website:** <https://broadbranchfarm.com/>

Location: 22000 Berchtold Rd, Chillicothe, IL 61523

Pickup: Locations throughout Dupage County

Cedar Valley Sustainable Farm

Phone: 815-431-9544 **Website:** <http://www.chanticlearefarm.com/>

Location: 1985 N. 309th Rd, Ottawa, IL 61350

Pickup: onsite, Naperville, and throughout Cook County

Chanticleare Farm

Phone: 630-362-9418 **Website:** <https://cedarvalleysustainable.com/>

Location: 1S164 Indian Knoll Rd, Winfield, IL 60190

Pickup: Kankakee, W Cook County, Winfield

Chicago Patchwork Farm

Phone: 779-772-4142 **Website:** <https://chicagopatchworkfarms.com/>

Location: 2825 W Chicago Ave, Chicago IL 60622

Pickup: Locations throughout Cook County

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Earth First Farms

Phone: 269-815-3370 **Website:** <https://www.earthfirstfarms.com/>

Location: 8335 Smith Road Berrien Center, MI 49102

Pickup: Chicago, South Bend, IN, delivery

Fresh Picks

Phone: 847-410-0595 **Website:** <https://www.freshpicks.com/>

Location: 5625 W Howard St, Niles, IL 60714

Pickup: delivery

FulBuschel Farm

Phone: 630-267-2992 **Website:** <https://www.fulbuschelfarmandproduce.com/>

Location: 5N726 Crane Rd, St. Charles, IL 60175

Pickup: delivery or pickup

Green Earth Harvest

Phone: 630-428-4500 x154 **Website:** <https://www.theconservationfoundation.org/green-earth/>

Location: 8335 Smith Road Berrien Center, MI 49102

Pickup: Locations throughout Dupage County

Heritage Prairie Farm

Phone: 630-443-5989 **Website:** <https://www.heritageprairiefarm.com/>

Location: 2N308 Brundige Road Elburn, IL 60119

Pickup: Onsite, Elgin, Wheaton

Meadow Haven Farm

Phone: 815-303-6223 **Website:** <https://meadowhavenfarm.com/>

Location: 6139 1700 North Avenue Sheffield, IL 61361

Pickup: West Chicago Suburbs, Bloomington, Peoria, Quad Cities, Onsite

Midnight Sun Farm

Phone: 815-303-6223 **Website:** <https://midnightsunfarm.com/>

Location: 18444 County Line Rd, Harvard, IL 60033

Pickup: Locations throughout Cook County

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Nichols Farm and Orchard

Phone: 815-236-1615 **Website:** <https://www.nicholsfarm.com/>

Location: 2602 Hawthorn Road, Marengo, IL 60152

Pickup: N Cook County, Lake County, and DuPage County

The Urban Canopy

Phone: 224-572-9864 **Website:** <https://www.theurbancanopy.org/>

Location: 2550 S Leavitt St, Chicago, IL 60608

Pickup: delivery

Trogg's Hollow

Phone: 872-222-5584 **Website:** <http://www.troggshollow.com/>

Location: 11577 Poplar Grove Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Pickup: Western Chicago region, Rockford

Walnut Acres Farm

Phone: 815-343-3936 **Website:** <https://www.walnut4meat.com/>

Location: 294 Baseline Rd, Walnut, IL 61376

Pickup: Throughout Dupage County and onsite

Wellhausen Farm

Phone: 630-231-2310 **Website:** <https://www.wellhausenfarm.com/>

Location: PO Box 1602 Wheaton, 60137

Pickup: delivery

CSAs are great way to support our local food system. The GardenWorks Project also encourages gardening as a ways to further improve our local food system. Check out our website for more food growing resources!

