

Dear Past CSA Members and Prospective Members,

Welcome to the 2010 growing season! We are very excited to begin our 7th year and all of the new experiences it has to offer. We are and continue to be a locally owned, family run farm that practices sustainable and organic farming methods. Last year we took the plunge and are now officially Certified Organic.

Thank you so much to our past and future members for making this CSA possible. Your dedication keeps us energized and it is uplifting to know that so many of you are committed to keeping your food dollars local and providing fair wages for farmers and workers. Together we are contributing to a healthier environment by having your food grown just miles away rather than hundreds of miles away and we are reducing the amounts chemicals in the ground and in our environment.

Thank you to everyone who completed the end of the season survey. We find them extremely helpful in guiding our production. Each year we hope to improve our CSA and this would not be possible without your input. We will also continue to provide the weekly newsletter, strive to update our website more often, and new this year will be an emailed version of the newsletter e-mailed out the night before boxes.

In addition, we wanted to remind everyone that we are a member of the Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition (MACSAC). Beyond the support that MACSAC provides to farmers, it is also teamed up with insurance companies to provide annual rebates to its insurance members for eating fresh, local produce from MACSAC sponsored farms. Many insurance companies participate in this program, so please take advantage of this rebate. To do so, go to <http://www.macsac.org/rebates.html> and follow the instructions for your specific insurance. If you do not see your insurance company, please ask your health care provider if they offer similar rebates or special offers for CSA memberships. Also check out their website to learn about Partner Shares. Partner Shares raises money for an Assistance Fund which is used to subsidize CSA shares for low-income households. Follow this link to learn more... <http://www.macsac.org/psp.html>

Sprouting Acres will be accepting approximately 80 members this year. Shares are on a “first come, first served” basis with your 1st payment holding your spot. Each year we have a handful of amazing work shares, but we would really love to have more. Work shares receive a weekly box of produce in exchange for 3 hours of farm labor a week. Let us know if you are interested in a worker share and you will receive more info. **We are not offering flower or egg shares this year. We are taking a break from flowers and Jessie will be making improvements for a new flock in 2011. While we are sad to take the year off from flowers and eggs, we know it will help improve our quality for next year. We may still have some flowers at the market. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

Here are the details for this year’s share:

- 🍅 **Vegetable Share: \$495.00 for 22 weeks (May 27th-Oct. 21st)**
- 🍅 **There will be 5 residential pick-up locations every Thursday and our business drop-off from last year will remain the same.**
- 🍅 **Farm pick-up is located at 1746 Hwy 73 Cambridge, WI 53523 anytime after 1:00 pm.**
- 🍅 **The Stoughton pick-up is located at 116 N. Morris St. anytime after 2:00 pm.**
- 🍅 **The West side drop off is located at 3414 Dorchester Way anytime after 3:00 pm.**

🍅 | **The East side pick-up is located at 18 South First Street anytime after 3:45 pm.**

🍅 | **The Pewaukee pick-up is located at W262N3051 Prospect Ave. anytime after 3:00 p.m.**

This pick-up system has been created to increase efficiency and reduce fuel costs. Please remember to pick up your produce the day of delivery. **Pick-up day is THURSDAY.** Any boxes not picked up by 10 pm on delivery date will be donated unless we are notified in advance. Remember that during warm summer months (if we ever get any this year) the quality of the produce declines the longer it sits out. Please try to pick up the boxes as soon as you can. Also, be respectful of the homeowners that are generous enough to allow you to pick up at their houses. Signs will be out at each location for the first two box deliveries so everyone finds the boxes without problems. Please call or email me (Andy, 608-469-2319 or andy@macwatson.net) if you have any problems finding the pick up locations.

🍅 | CSA payments may be made in 3 installments if needed. **Checks should be made out to *SPROUTING ACRES.***

- 🍅 | February 26th : 1/3 of payment to hold your share (\$165)
- 🍅 | March 26th : 1/3 of payment due (\$165)
- 🍅 | April 30th: final 1/3 of payment due (\$165)
- 🍅 | Any early payments would be greatly appreciated. The beginning of the season can often be tight, mostly due to seed orders, fuel for starting seedlings which are started in early February and season extending equipment.

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Each year we host a farm visit and party and we will be having one again this year. It is a great opportunity to have our members experience the farm, taste wonderful farm fresh food and take some extra vegetables home. We look forward to this event every year because we enjoy getting to know all of you. We'd also like invite the members to come help out and visit the farm a few times this summer. Transplanting, mulching, and harvesting would be a wonderful way for you to experience the farm and get to know other members. As the season progresses, we'll keep you posted on farm visit dates. ***We will continue to be at the Eastside Market on Tuesdays from 4:00pm-7:00 pm. The Tuesday market has been moved up the hill to the Wilmar Center parking lot. The address of the center is: Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center***
[*wil-mar@wil-mar.org*](mailto:wil-mar@wil-mar.org)
953 Jenifer St.
Madison, WI 53703

In addition, we will be at the Downtown Farmer's Market on most Saturdays from 7:00am- 2:00pm. We love to see our members at the markets, so stop by to check out the market and chat. Sprouting Acres will not have a permanent spot downtown for a few years so you'll just have to look for us, usually between Martin Luther King Blvd. and East Washington Avenue.

We hope that you are all as excited as we are about this growing season. We're looking forward to growing and providing you beautiful, healthy, and delicious produce.

Thank you so much for your interest and support!

The Sprouting Acres Crew

Note: On page four of this letter is information that may come in handy before and during the season. We recommend cutting it out and sticking it to your fridge or somewhere you can access it. Thanks.

2010 Sprouting Acres CSA Membership Form

- 🥕 Please fill out the form below and mail in with your 1st payment by February 26th.
- 🥕 Please make checks for Vegetable Payments payable to *Sprouting Acres* Return this form to:
Andy Watson
116 N. Morris St.
Stoughton, WI 53589
- 🥕 Payment Dates: 1/3 payment installments due February 26th, March 26th, and April 30th.
- 🥕 Please contact us with any other questions: 608-469-2319 or andy@macwatson.net

Name:	Address:
Phone:	Email:
Pick-Up Location:	Check your Share Choice(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable 22 wks.....\$495.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Work Share.....\$0
Total Due: \$ _____	
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____	
Remaining Balance: \$ _____	
Check # _____, # _____, # _____	










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