



# WELCOME TO IGNATIUS FARM COMMUNITY SHARED AGRICULTURE (2024)

**Ignatius Farm** is a certified organic community training farm committed to addressing the ecological and agricultural challenges of our times. The vegetable fields grow produce for the Farm’s key supporters - CSA members, as well as for service agencies, local businesses and markets.

**Ignatius Farm CSA** was established in 2001. The CSA provides Small and Regular CSA shares to over 185 households in and near Guelph. CSA members share in the bounty of the farm and eat with the growing season. In a lean growing season, CSA members are prioritized as they have prepaid for their portion of the harvest. In the event of catastrophic weather (tornado, flood), we will work together with CSA members to come up with a solution that provides refunds but also supports the farm to stay afloat. Regular CSA shares (typically feed two vegetarians or a family of four) average \$55 in weekly value. Small CSA shares (a bit over half of a regular share) average \$35 of organic produce in weekly value. An extra week’s worth of harvest is included in the Late Summer Share.

Here is the **certified organic** produce expected throughout the season

Early Summer	Strawberries, spinach, salad greens, radishes, peas, broccoli, garlic scapes...
Mid-Summer	Tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, beans, beets, carrots, cucumbers ...
Late Summer	Tomatoes, potatoes, garlic, broccoli, onions, beets, carrots, parsnips, leeks, spinach ...
Fall (bi-weekly)	Pumpkin, broccoli, beets, potatoes, garlic, onions, carrots, leeks, winter squash ...



The core farm team is: Donald Bowyer - Assistant Farm Manager, Jennica Grimshaw - Field Coordinator, Pamela Costanzo - Outreach Administrator, Lisa Conroy - Farm Educator and Heather Lekx - Farm Manager. They are joined by seasonal staff, Farm Immersion Interns, volunteers, and Workshares to grow your food.

## How do I get my food?

CSA shares are collected market-style at the farm under the big tents.

Pre-packed shares, where your share is packed by the farm staff in advance, are available for a fee.

Neighbourhood CSA host sites around Guelph offer pick up locations for pre-packed shares.

Just sign in, say hello, and collect your food – you’ve already paid!

### ON FARM PICKUPS (just North of Guelph- 5420 Highway 6 North)

- On your pick-up day, come to the Farm Workshop tents. Bring bags and pack your crop share
- Items are allotted by volume or weight e.g. 2 pounds of carrots, 1 head lettuce. Choices are offered (beets vs carrots) where possible
- Take advantage of member only u-pick areas; enjoy the Ignatius Jesuit Centre trails

### NEIGHBOURHOOD CSA PICKUPS IN GUELPH (options below)

- We pack your share in a closed crate and you come to your designated site during the pick-up time
- Put your vegetables into your own bags and leave the crate

## When do I get my food?

When registering for your CSA share, you choose your location & time for picking up your weekly share.

LOCATION	SUMMER SHARE PICK-UP TIME	FALL SHARE PICK-UP TIME
<b>Ignatius Farm</b>	Tuesdays 3:30-6:30 pm <i>or</i> Fridays 3:30- 6 pm	Tuesdays 3-6 pm <i>or</i> Fridays 3-5:30 pm
<b>Junction Village</b> neighbourhood home	Tuesdays 4:15-6:15 pm	Not available
<b>St George's Park</b> neighbourhood home	Tuesdays 4:30-6:00 pm	Not available

## Can I change my on-farm pickup day?

Yes, you may change your pickup day **once** during the season.

- Call the farm line or email [farmregistration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:farmregistration@ignatiusguelph.ca)
- Change request deadline for each week is **Monday at 12 noon**.
- If you are away on vacation, you can have a friend or relative pick up your share; this allows you to share your farm experience with others!

**Uncollected shares are donated to a local service organization or family & are no longer available for pickup.**

## U-Pick Items!

- A complimentary cut flower area is on offer to CSA members starting in late July
- Some crops, such as peas, beans, hot peppers and tomatoes may be available for complimentary you-pick if it is a bountiful year
- Strawberry you-pick is available for charge when available
- There will be signage at the farm pickup when you-pick options are available

## Can I buy extra vegetables?

Sometimes we have extra vegetables available for sale. Inquire at:  
(519) 824-1250 ext. 275 or [farmsales@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:farmsales@ignatiusguelph.ca)

## What else can I do with my neighbourhood farm?

Get in touch and let us know your interests!

Plug in with newsletters, Facebook, Instagram and website

### Join a seasonal farm event

Seedling Sale & Community Garden Orientation - Sat, May 18

[Monthly Community Field Days](#)

Stone Soup harvest celebration- Saturday October 5

### How to reach the Farm

(519) 824-1250 ext. 244

[farmregistration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:farmregistration@ignatiusguelph.ca)

[ignatiusfarm](http://ignatiusfarm.com)

## Volunteer and/or Workshare your CSA

If you enjoy working outside, we welcome regular help in the field. We take volunteers May - October, Monday through Friday, 8am-12:15pm or 1-4:30pm. Workshares volunteers receive a share of the harvest.

## Join the Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program

Free for 2023! Pick and choose from 4 terms of online workshops and field days. April – November.

Find all Ignatius Farm learning options at <https://ignatiusguelph.ca/ignatius-farm/internships/>

*We look forward to seeing you and hope you love your CSA!*