

Dwight Miller Orchards
CSA 2009
Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Day/eve. phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred contact method? phone vs. email

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Payment Options

◇ I can pay for the entire season. I have enclosed a check for the amount according to the date and the pricing chart.

◇ I'm choosing the "split-pay" option, and have enclosed a check for the deposit amount. I commit to pay the week's remainder at each pick-up.

◇ I have called to arrange a different payment schedule.

Please make checks payable to
 Dwight Miller Orchards CSA

And, please read carefully about share options so you know what to expect!

Share and Payment Options

Please circle your share choices in the payment column.

"Split-pay" Paid in Full
 Deposit + wkly by 4/1 after 4/1

Half Share	\$260 (+ \$5/wk)	\$380	\$390
Full Share	\$260 (+\$15/wk)	\$635	\$650
Summer Half Share	\$80 (+ \$5/wk)	\$117	\$120
Summer Full Share	\$80 (+\$15/wk)	\$196	\$200

Pastured Meat Shares

Chicken Share	5 chickens	\$100
Circle pick-up date: 6/5 6/19 7/3 7/17 7/31 8/14 Shares are designed to be picked up on 1 day. # of shares _____		
Full Season Chicken Share	12 chickens	\$240
Full Season Meat Share	6 chickens & 20 lbs pork	\$240
Pork Share	20 lbs. variety	\$120

Donation to DMO Farm Share fund \$_____
 helping neighbors afford healthy food—see back page

TOTAL DUE \$_____

For picking up shares, I prefer:
 Ω Tuesdays ∞ Fridays

Notes on Payment

- Our "split-pay" option allows people to put a deposit on the season and pay a portion of the balance at each week's pick up.
- **If you can't afford the deposit, please call us to discuss an alternative.**
- If you are applying for share subsidy through NOFA-VT's Farm Share Program and want to sign up for our CSA, please call to let us know of your interest.

We'd like to know more about you.

Is this your first year as a CSA member?

Why do you want to join?

Are you interested in preserving produce? (getting extra produce that is ripe and/or blemished)?

Are you interested in volunteering?

We will help coordinate carpool/rideshare by sharing info to those interested. Would you like to be on the carpool list?

Which vegs are your favorites?
 Which ones—not so much?

Farm Share Program NOFA-VT

Our farm participates in the Vermont Farm Share Program. This program subsidizes CSA shares for our neighbors who otherwise could not afford to join our CSA. Through the program, NOFA-VT will match each dollar that our CSA raises to offer reduced rates to income eligible individuals and families. Your contributions are tax-deductible if you make checks payable to NOFA-VT. Please refer below:



If you are in need of assistance, please ask us about the Vermont Farm Share Program. You may be eligible for a partially subsidized share.

More information about this program can be found online at:

www.nofavt.org/programs/farm-share

If you need help getting a share assistance form, please call Martha at 802-579-9396.

I would like to contribute to the Vermont Farm Share Program to help low-income households in our community join the farm. Every cent donated goes directly towards the cost of a share. Any size donation helps. For donations to be tax-deductible, make checks payable to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) and in memo line write "Dwight Miller Orchards." NOFA-VT will match any donation, and grant it back to your farm.

- I am able to help.
Enclosed is my check made out to NOFA-VT.

Last year, our farm offered over \$1,600 in subsidy assistance through member donations, farm pledge, and NOFA funding.

This year our goal is to raise \$500 in member donations.

Dear Friends of Miller Orchards, local food, and organic agriculture,

Thank you for your interest in what we're up to on our farm. It feels especially true this year that we face incredible opportunities and challenges. As community members we are happy and excited to contribute to the growing trend of local food and business enterprise. As farmers we are challenged with navigating uncertainties present in any growing season and planning for a viable future amidst an uncertain world economy.

There are many places in this country where fresh produce isn't easily accessible, or organics are out of reach, or everything is trucked and flown in at great cost. Here in Vermont the avenues to buy locally are treated as the assets they are, and cultivated further. Thanks to loyal customer patronage of CSA's, farmers' markets, and farm stands and stores, Vermont boasts the highest per capita direct ag sales in the country (USDA, 2004).

Our plans this year center on distributing fruit, veggies and value-added products locally and increasing storage crops for late winter/spring sales. The future is bright from our perspective.

Our land has been farmed by our family for seven generations and counting.

Last August marked the passing of Dwight Miller, Jr., who made it his life's work to farm and promote agriculture throughout the state and region.

His values of appreciation, self-reliance, and community are still with us as returning to farm another year is, as always, a privilege.

The coming season:

Year #2 offering CSA memberships—info inside! Pasture-raised meat shares!

Specialized buckwheat honey production!

More pasture-raised chickens!

Dwight Miller Orchards
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www.vtfarmorganic.com



Dwight Miller & Son Orchards

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511 Miller Rd. E. Dummerston, VT 05346
802-254-9635 or 802-254-9111
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Certified Organic

Apples • Cider • Maple Syrup • Berries
Tomatoes • Summer Fruits • Field Crops
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Pastured Chicken and Pork
◆.....◆

Find our products:

Our Farmstand, open June-October.
Self-serve during the winter months.
PYO strawberries, blueberries, peaches,
apples in season. Call 254-9635.

Brattleboro Area Farmers' Market

- ❖ May – October, Saturdays, 9-2.
Western Ave.
- ❖ Mid-June – Oct., Wednesdays, 10-2.
Whetstone Pathway (Co-op Parking Lot).

Winter Farmers' Market (Post Oil Solutions)

November-December, Saturdays, 10-3.
Also twice monthly Jan, Feb, March.
River Garden, downtown Brattleboro.

CSA

- ❖ May – October: Fruit & Veg shares
Full and Half shares, pick up on farm.
- ❖ June – July: Summer fruit/veg shares.
- ❖ June – mid-Aug: Pastured Meat shares.
Chicken and pork shares, pick up on farm.
- ❖ November – Dec.: Winter CSA shares.

Area Retailers

Bratt. Food Coop, Greenfields Market, River
Valley Market, City Market, Hannaford's

CSA Shares

- ◆ All shares are picked up at our farm in East Dummerston. We're 5-7 minutes N from I-91 exit 3, and 5-7 minutes S from I-91 exit 4 and 10-12 minutes from Rte. 30.
- ◆ This year, shares will be self-packaged (vs. pre-bagged) in an effort to save on packaging and give us more time free to grow and harvest the produce. There will be an element of free choice, as appropriate (summer and fall). If you would prefer a pre-bagged share, please make a note on your form and we will accommodate you.
- ◆ Full shares (\$25/week) are designed for a family. Share weights and volumes vary according to season and successes. A mid-season avg. is 22 lbs.
- ◆ Half shares (\$15/week) are designed for a couple or single vegetarian. A mid-season avg. is 12 lbs.
- ◆ Pastured eggs will be for sale to CSA members as available.
- ◆ Full season fruit/veg CSA members get a 10% discount at our farmstand and farmers' markets.

Please consider that members of our CSA share in the risks and rewards of farming. We will strive to provide veggies that are delicious, diverse, and plentiful. In cases of crop failure or circumstance as appropriate, we will provide veggies from other area organic farms when reasonable to do so.

We will not source fruit from off-farm. Note that we expect no peaches, plums, cherries this year due to January cold.

Questions about CSA shares?

Please call Martha @ 579-9396.

Fruit and Veg Shares

Full Season Fruit/Veg Shares

- ◆ Season runs 26 weeks, May ~ October.
- ◆ Pick up days are Tuesdays and Fridays, 2pm-6pm. We will be reserving most Friday slots for folks also getting full season chicken and meat shares.
- ◆ Shares include maple syrup, applesauce, and other value-added items in the early spring, and honey in the summer.

Summer Shares

- ◆ Share period runs 8 weeks, July and August, with pick ups on Tuesdays, 2pm-6pm, at our farm.
- ◆ Honey will be included.

Organic Pastured Chicken Shares

Pastured Chicken Shares

- ◆ Customers choose the pick up date (6/5, 6/19, 7/3 7/17, 7/31, 8/14) to pick up all 5 chickens.
- ◆ One share is 5 fresh chickens and costs \$100.
- ◆ Chickens weigh 4-6.5 lbs. Avg. is 5.5 lb
- ◆ There is no limit. Fill your freezer so you can eat local in February!

Full Season Chicken Shares

- ◆ One chicken picked up each Friday June 5th to Aug. 21st. (12 total)
- ◆ Full season shares are \$240.
- ◆ Full season shares are designed to complement a fruit/veg share. Most, if not all, chickens will be fresh.
- ◆ Chickens weigh 4-6.5 lb. Avg is 5.5 lb

Organic Pastured Pork Shares

- ◆ Shares are 20 lbs of mixed cuts and cost \$120.
- ◆ Shares will be distributed in late summer.
- ◆ Pork will be frozen.

Full Season Meat Shares

- ◆ One 'package' picked up each Friday June 5th–Aug. 21st (12 weeks).
- ◆ Pick ups alternate between fresh chicken and frozen pork.
- ◆ A total of 6 chickens and 20 lbs of pork: one share is \$240.
- ◆ Designed to complement a fruit/veg share.

Shares start with greens from our unheated greenhouses, such as spinach, lettuce mixes, bok choy and Asian greens, plus things like rhubarb, garlic scapes, scallions, radishes, sprouts. Later spring and summer bring carrots, beets, strawberries, peas, a variety of beans, broccoli, cukes, squashes, classic and heirloom tomatoes, basil, sweet corn, edamame, peppers, garlic, new potatoes, cantaloupes and watermelons, blueberries, raspberries, and summer apples.

In fall, summer crops keep coming while we harvest pumpkins and winter squashes, cabbage, potatoes, onions, storage roots, spinach, apples, pears, and grapes, and start making cider.

All of our vegetables and fruits are certified organic; for more info and photos visit our website: www.vtfarmorganic.com

Our chickens and pigs are raised on pasture and fed organic grain and crop residues. This year most of the pigs' ration is farm-grown. Pork and chicken are processed under USDA inspection.