



Dwight Miller Orchards

CSA 2008

# Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day/eve. phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact method? phone vs. email

I would like to receive emails about weekly Farm Share offerings.

**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.*

Please read carefully about the share options so you know what to expect.

## Share and Payment Options

Please **mark your share choices** by **circling** each choice within the payment column.

<b>Weekly Farm Share</b>	\$30 reg. box, \$45 large box Ordered and paid for weekly.
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		In full by "Split-pay" April 1 <sup>st</sup>	In full after April 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Wednesday Fruit/Veg Half Share</b> with Eggs: yes / no	\$230 + \$5 paid weekly at pickup	\$325	\$335
<b>Wednesday Fruit/Veg Full Share</b> with Eggs: yes / no	\$230 + \$15 paid weekly at pickup	\$535	\$545
<b>Fruit/Veg Half Share</b> with Eggs: yes / no	\$260 + \$5 paid weekly at pick-up	\$380	\$390
<b>Fruit/Veg Full Share</b> with Eggs: yes / no	\$260 + \$15 paid weekly at pick-up	\$635	\$650
<b>Chicken Share</b>	\$50 deposit		
<b>Pork Share</b>	\$50 deposit		

**Donation** for food shelf and school shares \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes on Payment

- ◆ We try to provide attractive payment options for people of all different means.
- ◆ Our "split-pay" option allows people to put a deposit on the season and pay part of the balance at each week's pick-up.
- ◆ Our meat shares require flexibility: your deposit on a chicken or pork share allows us to charge the balance fairly, according to the cuts of the meat.
- ◆ *For those who can't afford a \$260 deposit, please call to discuss an alternative.*

### *We'd like to know more about you.*

Please answer these questions. Feel free to add anything.

Is this your first year as a CSA member?

What attracted you to becoming a CSA member in general, and a DMO member specifically?

Are you interested in *preserving* produce? ie, receiving add'l large amounts, of perhaps ripe or blemished tomatoes, peaches, corn, etc. all at once?

Are you interested in volunteering? Describe.

Tell us about your fave, and not-so-fave, vegs.

## 🌱 CSA Shares

### 🌱 Fruit/Veg Shares

- ◆ Season runs May ~ October (26 weeks).
- ◆ Shares are picked up at our farm in East Dummerston, Tuesdays, 2pm-6pm. 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.

### 🌱 Wednesday Fruit/Veg Shares

- ◆ Season runs June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ October 29<sup>th</sup> (21 weeks).
- ◆ Shares are picked up at the Wednesday Farmers' Market, Wednesdays, Whetstone Pathway (Co-op plaza downtown), from 9:30am-2pm.
- ◆ The BAFM Wed. Farmers' Market is made possible by the generous support of the **Brattleboro Food Co-op** and the **town of Brattleboro**
- ◆ Wednesday shares are for those who would rather pick up their share in town, and don't mind the shorter season.

(This year we are not able to offer satellite share drop offs. This season we'll gauge interest and consider it for next year.)

### 🌱 Non-Edible Membership Benefits

Newsletters– Rhythms will likely evolve: Weekly? Bi-weekly? Blog? who knows.

Details for events (potluck? picnic?) TBA later in the season. Speak up with ideas!

## 🌱 Organic Meat Shares

### 🌱 Pasture-Raised Pork Shares

Put a \$50 deposit down to guarantee you organic pork.

Shares are about 20 lbs of mixed cuts, including bacon.

The balance of the share will be due upon receipt of the meat. The total cost will reflect price per pound of various cuts and will be discounted from our retail prices.

Organic grain supplemented with pasture, apple pomace, veggies, and so on.

Meat available mid-summer.

### 🌱 Pasture-Raised Chicken Shares

Put a \$50 deposit down to guarantee you organic chicken. Chicken shares include 5 pasture-raised broilers, distributed mid-June–August. Organic grain-fed on intensively managed pasture.

## Farm Share Program 🍏

We endeavor to provide choice and flexibility through our Farm Share Program. If signing up for a full season CSA doesn't suit you, consider ordering a single week's share when the time is right.

◆ **\$30 regular box** (2-3 people)

◆ **\$45 large box**

- ◆ Produce is discounted 15% from retail.
- ◆ Value-added items are discounted 10% from retail.
- ◆ Value-added items are chosen, and the balance is made up of a variety of produce, farmer's choice.
- ◆ Farm Shares are ordered by Sunday eve. for pick up Tuesdays at the farm, 2-6pm.

## 🌱 Love organic food?

The best kind is fresh and local. Join us for a season of good eating.

**Guarantee your share by becoming a member!**

**Spring** shares include maple syrup, applesauce, vinegar, and jams. This 'early period' will feature organic greenhouse crops such as spinach, mesclun, lettuce, pole beans, bok choy, sprouts.

Eggs: until August their availability will be limited. Based on demand, eggs will appear once every two or three weeks. Shareholders receive first preference.

**Summer** boxes will feature plenty of organic well-loved, familiar veggies and uncommons, classic and heirloom tomatoes, sweet corn, melons.

**Fall** boxes will include organic winter squashes, late greens from our greenhouse, root crops and potatoes for hearty winter meals.

**Our fruit** is organically grown. We include it all, whenever possible, in our shares. We grow strawberries, rhubarb, blueberries, raspberries, peaches, cherry plums and large plums, seeded grapes, apples, and pears. Apple cider is included in the fall.

Ask about wines made from our fruit.

# News and highlights for the coming season

We of the Miller farm and family look ahead to a bright year. It seems, for better or worse, that the fresh year ahead is born out of the last's circumstances. Thanks to a decent crop year in 2007 we've made strides in rebuilding our fire-damaged packing house. Happily, whatever apple harvest we reap this September we will be *starting* the harvest process equipped with a functioning cold storage, which is absolutely critical in maintaining post-harvest fruit quality.

It sounds simple enough, but we've actually struggled through **four** post-fire harvest seasons without large-scale on-farm cooling capacity. There is still work to be done, but starting 2008 with cold storage is a major step in the right direction. No borrowed storage rental, no extra trucking, no squeezing flats of berries into the upper inches of the display cooler!

Not only have our apple and peach orchards weathered January, but our strawberry fields are blanketed soundly and also temperatures were friendly, allowing us a jump on tubing work in the sugarbush.

\*Those of us that know Read understand he's really a forester trapped in an orchardist's life. Another of his long-time desires has been to raise pigs utilizing apple pomace and other farm by-products. This year we'll be raising pigs on pasture for **healthy, flavorful pork**.

\*Our 2007 foray into the CSA model was so nice that we're opening our season to shareholders this year. Read more about our **CSA** and **Farm Shares** inside.

\*We'll be putting ourselves and our pastures to work raising **broiler chickens** outside. The antidote to factory-raised birds, chickens raised on pasture are a true delight. On topic, with birds of a different feather...

\*Martha will be expanding her egg empire: at summer's peak expect a large and steady supply of **pastured eggs** from ranging hens!



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*Certified Organic*

**Apples Sweet cider Berries Summer Fruit  
Vegetables Tomatoes Maple syrup Meat**

**YOU CAN FIND OUR PRODUCTS:**

### Our Farmstand

In season, we're open for PYO strawberries, blueberries, peaches, and apples.

Our stand is open for fruit, veggie, and maple sales summertime ~ Dec. Everyday 9am-5pm.

### Farmers' Markets

#### **Brattleboro Farmers' Market**

Saturdays

May ~ October

9am-2pm Western Ave, Brattleboro

Wednesdays

mid-June ~ October

10am-2pm Co-op Plaza,

Downtown Brattleboro

#### **Winter Farmers' Market**

Every Saturday Nov. ~ Dec.

and monthly Jan. ~ March

10am-3pm River Garden, Brattleboro

### Summer and Winter CSA

May ~ October. Winter period TBA.

### Area Retailers and Restaurants

Brattleboro Food Co-op and Deli, Greenfields' Market and Deli, The Putney Inn, Cornucopia Foods, McCuskers Market

Vist us on the web: [www.vtfarmorganic.com](http://www.vtfarmorganic.com)

