

About Our Farm

Gazy Brothers Farm is going on its fourth generation of farming. Established in 1918, Grandpa and Grandma Gazy purchased their farm in Oxford. At that time, they raised the freshest vegetables sold at local grocery stores and delis.

Today, Ed Gazy runs the 80-acre farm with the help of his wife Alexis, two brothers Pete and Tony, and four children Dominic, Roseanne, Nicholas, and Albert. Ed's father, Joe, owns the property and runs the small farm stand at the farm.

The Gazy's currently produce approximately 25 acres of fresh vegetables, herbs, flowers and the farm and on neighbor's properties. Ed, family, and friends also keep busy by working up to 200 acres of hay annually. Besides the farm stand, the Gazys sell our produce at a roadside stand on Route 67 in Oxford, several farmers' markets, and a few small grocery stores when supply is plentiful. Our latest project is to establish a C.S.A., which stands for Community Supported Agriculture.

Our produce is not organic, however, it is raised through an integrated pest management system, which reduces the amount of use of fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals to ensure healthy plants and flavorful vegetables.



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The Gazy CSA 2009 Community Supported Agriculture Information and Sign Up Form

Spring
sign up deadline Feb 15, 2009
April 1-June 1, 2009

Summer
Sign up deadline April 1, 2009
June 21-October 31, 2009

Winter
Sign up deadline Sept 15, 2009
November 1-December 20, 2009
Entering our fifth successful
CSA season.

Sign Up Form & Price List

Spring Sign Up 8 weeks

☐ 1 BOX of veggies \$160.00
(1 box containing 5-6 items per week)

Summer Sign Up 15 weeks

☐ 1 BOX of Veggies \$350.00
(1 box containing 7-8 items per week)

☐ 2 BOXES of veggies \$550.00
(2 boxes a week for 15 weeks)

☐ Flowers \$100.00
(1 bouquet a week for 10+ weeks)

☐ Fruit \$100.00
(8-12pcs of fruit a week for 12 + weeks)

Winter Sign Up 6 weeks

☐ 1BOX of veggies \$150.00
(1 box containing 5-6 items per week)

TOTAL : _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone and
Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:

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Checks cleared are a confirmation of your sign up. Prices in effect through 12/31/09.

CSA Q & A's

- 1) **What is a CSA?**
A CSA, Community Supported Agriculture, is a program where farmers offer subscriptions of weekly seasonal produce to customers. By participating in a CSA, customers become more committed to supporting local farms by supplying an income to the farm in the beginning of the season when seeds, equipment, other materials are purchased and utilized months before a first crop is harvested. This ensures a commitment to the farmers for the work involved so as to preserve the sustainability of the growing season. It reduces the risk of debt to the farm, which can result in an increase of production due to ease of investment possibilities such as a new piece of equipment or extra labor.
- 2) **How does a CSA subscription work?**
First, members sign up in advance and agree to pay a designated amount in return for a share of the weekly harvest during the picking season. This can vary from year to year. Then, the farmer invests the funds into the farm reducing the amount of debt the farmer may incur. Members pick up their share at a designated site during the harvest season.
- 3) **What kinds of vegetables will be available?**
Because every season is different, the variety of produce may change from season to season. A general list of produce that may possibly be available is included in the brochure.
- 4) **Are you organic?**
No, we are not organic. We do use a system of integrated pest management to reduce the use of sprays or fertilizers whenever possible to ensure healthy plants and flavorful vegetables.
- 5) **What is the negative side of a CSA?**
There are basically two. First you cannot choose what you will be receiving in your weekly box. Any items unwanted can be given to a neighbor or soup kitchen. Also, you generally have to plan your meals based on what is in your weekly box. We do not custom pack our boxes at this time, however we can take orders for extra produce. Please call for more information.
- 6) **What if there is something unwanted in the box?**
In the event that you have something in your box that may not be utilized, by all means, share it with a friend or neighbor. We are sorry, but it is too confusing to custom pack boxes at this time.
- 7) **What if I go on vacation and can't pick up my share?**
Have a great trip and plan an alternative venue for your share that week. We do not give reductions for unused boxes as our prices are already reasonable, however we will be happy to donate your box to a family in need if requested in advance.
- 8) **Is there a refund policy?**
Our refund policy is that you do not get a refund under any circumstances; however, you may transfer your subscription. Simply contact us a week or so ahead of time to make necessary arrangements.
- 9) **What if the crops fail?**
We grow a wide variety of vegetables. The chance of everything failing is slim to none. In the event something failing, we will do our best to make up for it with another vegetable. Also, we do multiple plantings of most crops, so you may get that vegetable at least once during the harvest season. Some things come in really well some years and not at all in others. That is just the way Mother Nature works.
- 10) **Do I have to work on the farm as part of my membership?**
Generally, some CSA's require additional involvement, but we do not. If you would like to help out and be more involved in the farm, please let us know. We can use all the help we can get. August is an especially busy time of planting, picking, and weeding. If you would like to work off your share, please let us know. We can make arrangements.
- 11) **Why should I do this?**
To help a small farm stay in business and to provide your family with the freshest vegetables possible.
- 12) **What is my pick up time?**
Your pick up schedule may vary by your location. Please call if you are not certain which location is best for you.
- 13) **What if I have more questions?**
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What is a CSA and How does It Work?

A CSA, Community Supported Agriculture, is a way for you to create a relationship with a farm and to receive a weekly basket of locally grown produce. By signing up with a farm, people become members of the CSA. You then pick up your share weekly during the harvest season. Each share contains a bounty of whatever is ripe that week.

Our farm offers produce and flower subscriptions, where you can purchase a season of fresh fruits, veggies, herbs, and flowers.

Although we do not grow fruits such as peaches, pears, plums, etc., we have included a fruit share supplied by the freshest, highest quality fruit for your convenience and enjoyment. The fruit you receive is produced on Connecticut farms such as peaches and nectarines from Belltown Hills Orchard, apples and pears from Bussa Orchard, and plums from Berrutti's Orchard. All are growers from Glastonbury. We do grow some melons and blueberries on a limited basis and would be considered part of the vegetable share only if available each season.

The 2008 harvest will start on April 1 and end December 31.

What produce is available during the growing season?

Here is a list of the produce generally planted during the growing season:

Vegetables:

arugula	cucumbers	potatoes
basil	dill	pumpkins
beans	eggplant	radishes
beets	kale	summer squash
broccoli	kohlrabi	winter squash
Brussels sprouts		sweet potatoes
Cabbage	leek	swiss chard
Carrots	lettuce	tomatoes
Cauliflower	onions	turnips
Celery	okra	other not listed
Cilantro	parsely	
Collards	peas	
Sweet corn	peppers	
Garlic	melons	

Fruits:

Apples
Blueberries
Cantaloupe
Cherries
Grapes
Nectarines
Peaches
Pears
plums

Please keep in mind that not everything is available every year, nor at the same time. Availability depends on growing conditions.

What will I receive in my box?

Here is a sample of what an average box contains 7-8 of these in August:

Vegetables:

4 tomatoes or 1 pint cherry tomatoes
2 cukes
1 bag flat beans
3-4 squash
1-bunch onions or 1 garlic
6 red potatoes
2 peppers
1 small eggplant
red basil, sage
4-5 okra
4-5 corn

Fruits:

2 early mac apples
3 peaches
1 nectarine
5 plums

Flowers:

A mix of sunflowers, glads, zinnias, statice, strawflowers, liatris, other

The actual content varies with each weekly harvest.

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