

Runamuk's CSA Farm-Shares



What is a CSA?

Community Supported Agriculture, or CSA, is a relationship between community members and our small farm. Members commit to a whole season, allowing the farmer to offset early season costs such as seeds, amendments, etc. In exchange members receive an abundance and variety of nutritious vegetables over the course of the growing season, along with certain member-perks.

Runamuk's CSA Farm Shares serve as a pre-paid account. Customers can draw from these funds throughout the season. This is a flexible and convenient option which allows you to shop for what you need, when you need it. Use your credit at the Runamuk farm stand, OR place an order for pick up or delivery.

CSA Perks

- 10% bonus credit with every payment, plus opportunities to get 20% during sales.
- First dibs on everything produced at Runamuk Acres.
- Access to Runamuk's farm-fresh, handmade breads & baked goods.
- Make special requests from your farmer.
- A close connection to the farmer producing your food.
- Open invitation to visit "your farm" as often as you like.
- Optional work-trade for farm food and products.
- Invitation to exclusive on-farm events.

How It Works

1. **Sign Up:** To commit to Runamuk's CSA Farm-Share program, simply make your first payment to establish an account with this farm. To make local food accessible for more households in our community, we allow YOU to determine how much that initial payment should be. It can be as little as \$50, or as much as your budget permits. Members can add more funds whenever they like, and always receive a 10% bonus credit just for re-newing your commitment to Runamuk's CSA.
2. **Place Your Order:** Every Tuesday, our farmer emails a farm-update to CSA members. Included in the email is a web-link to an order form that lists whatever Runamuk will have available that week. Decide if the order is for pickup or delivery. Then, select only the products that YOU like, and none of those you don't. Decide how much (or how little) of anything your household will use. Submit the order to your farmer.
3. **Retrieve Your Order:** Orders are ready for pickup up at the farm on Fridays. Every other week we offer delivery right to your door. The cost of your order is then deducted from your pre-paid balance with the farm.
4. **Enjoy & Share!** Use your locally produced food to feed your family and friends. Try new recipes to showcase our premium ingredients, baked goods, and meats. Take pictures and share to help us promote real and local food. Tag @runamukacres to spread the word of our farm's mission!



Runamuk's CSA Farm-Share Policies

re: Payments

- Community members pre-pay for foods and goods produced at Runamuk Acres, and receive a 10% bonus credit as a thank you.
- While the farm does provide a PayPal button on our website for adding funds to CSA accounts, we really prefer payments be made with cash or check, in order to avoid paying PayPal's 3% processing fee. Funds *can* be transferred electronically for FREE using PayPal's "Friends & Family" feature. Please don't hesitate to ask for help if needed.
- Members are encouraged to use up account funds before the end of the year. Surplus funds can be transferred to gift certificates upon request.
- For accounts that have stagnated, funds will expire at the end of the day on 12.31.2023.
- Accounts of active members who wish to renew their membership, have the option to roll remaining credit over into the New Year, provided they make a payment during the annual enrollment period (January through March).
- If you fall on hard times, but still want access to Runamuk's fantabulous local food, please don't hesitate to reach out. We want to work with you, and are happy to accept payment arrangements, and offers of work-trade for those in need.
- Members receive a \$25 bonus credit to their account for every referral they send our way.

re: Products & Orders

- Farm-share members get first-dibs on everything we produce.
- Orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Orders must be placed by the end of the day on Wednesdays.
- Runamuk offers no guarantee of product availability. We plant and raise a wide range of products, but every growing season is subject to a myriad of factors beyond our control (ie-weather, seed availability, etc etc). Everything we are able to produce is offered to our CSA farm-share members first.

re: Pickup & Delivery

- Orders are ready for pickup by noon on Fridays.
- Orders that are not picked up are still charged to your account.
- Because we do not have refrigeration facilities, we cannot hold orders in good condition for very long. Orders still waiting for pickup come Monday are redistributed as necessary.
- Runamuk offers delivery every other week to Kingfield, Carrabassett Valley, Sugarloaf, New Portland, Embden, North Anson, Anson, Madison, and Solon.
- There is a \$3 delivery charge for orders under \$20; orders totally \$20 or more are qualified for free delivery.
- Members who request delivery are responsible for providing a cooler at a designated drop-off spot to protect produce from extreme heat or cold.
- Orders are delivered on Friday afternoons between noon and four.

re: The Farmstand

- CSA funds can also be used same as cash at the Runamuk farmstand.
- Members are responsible for packaging and weighing items, and for notifying their farmer of purchases made at the farmstand—either with a note left in the cashbox, or by sending an email with the information.