

Ledge Top Farm 2018 Farm Membership CSA

Become a member of Ledge Top Farm! Ledge Top Farm grows vegetables and small berries. On approximately 3 acres of growing space, Ledge Top Farm can supply over 30 members. We sell at three farmers' markets each week during the growing season. Your membership provides you with the following:

First access to Ledge Top Farm produce. (See the list and times of productions on the "produce" pages of ledgetopfarm.com)

Your credit is used wherever and whenever you pick up your order.

Order ahead and pick up your order fresh picked.

Come in and pick your own for many of the items and stretch your credit.

Extend your credit by working on the farm.

Get 20% extra when signing up in January.

Be assured of the strict use of organic growing practices.

No cash is needed once your plan is in place.

Special offers may occur throughout the season for "members only".

You can pick up at 4 different remote locations in the area, although pick-up at the farm keeps costs down.

Your membership supports this farm so it can give continuous products to you.

Your membership credit is good until December 31st .

Greenhouses and high tunnels are used to extend the growing season.

Produce is available May through November. The best selection is July, August and September.

Most of the expenses for this farm come in January through May, when the farm has the least income. Your pre-purchase through the membership will help to even out cash flow through the year. Ledge Top Farm is committed to using USDA organic standards to grow all produce. No chemical fertilizers or chemical pesticides are used to grow our produce. We are not a state-certified organic farm, but we belong to "Certified Naturally Grown" (<http://www.naturallygrown.org>), which regulates that organic standards are followed.

Our mission:

Ledge Top Farm grows fruits, and produce, to organic standards. Although Ledge Top Farm is not a state-certified organic farm we do belong to Certified Naturally Grown, which has an inspection system to monitor members so USDA organic standards are met. Natural minerals and fertilizers, such as compost are used to feed the soil and produce healthy plants. An extensive number of beneficial insects control pest outbreaks. If a plant can't be grown without the use of artificial chemicals, it will not be grown on this farm. The produce offered to you is the best this farm can grow. Artificial chemicals are not used on produce to make an insect problem go away. Instead a change is made to prevent that problem in the future or use an OMRI approved product.

If you identify with these ideals, then Ledge Top Farm would like to grow your vegetables and fruits for you.

Here's how the flexible share plan works:

When you advance money to Ledge Top Farm, a credit is established so you "buy" with your credit at the current retail price. You can redeem your credit for any item, any time with the year. A sales slip is used to keep track of your pick up. **Pick up Monday, Thursday, and Friday** is preferable with an email for an order until your credit is used up. There is limited pick-up at farmers markets especially on Saturday. Funds not used by Dec 31, 2018 are lost.

From January 1 2018 to Jan 30 2018 there is a bonus for your membership according to the following rates:

A \$100 advance provides \$120 in credit for LTF products.

A \$200 advance provides \$240 in credit for LTF products.

A \$300 advance provides \$360 in credit for LTF products.

A \$400 advance provides \$480 in credit for LTF products.

Or 20 % premium on what ever amount you choose.

After January 30th the discounted prices end and CSA memberships will still be available but the amount you provide will be the amount of your credit.

Work share opportunities:

Committed work share: Put no money down and commit to work on the farm a set number of hours a week. Hours are converted to produce to be redeemed on a dollar-to-dollar ratio. One dollar of work is exchanged for one dollar of product. Time worked is converted to dollars and banked. The banked credit can be used anytime for farm products. The exchange rate is \$8 per hour. All accumulated credit expires on Dec 31, 2018.

Day-to-day work share. This option is similar to the above, but you work that day and take home the equivalent in product. No money is exchanged. No banking of time. No committed hours. Call to see what work is available.

How much should you pre-purchase: To determine how much you should pre-buy, think about how much you would spend each week on fresh fruit and vegetables grown on this farm. The peak season is July through September, about 16 weeks, although early and late vegetables are available from the greenhouse. If you think you would use \$15 per week you would pre-purchase \$200, which would give you \$240 in product if established within the bonus period.

You redeem your credit with an order for produce, via email, text, or phone. The redemption is at the retail price of the item. Produce will be available when you call or come to the farm. You will get an email newsletter to find out what is available each week. You use your credit like cash. Ledge Top Farm reserves the right to limit multiple discounts for CSA customers.

You must use all membership funds by December 31, 2018. There are no refunds.

You may email, call, or text to preorder (620-7302), or come to the Wilton farm, farm stand, or farmers' market to pick up your order. Sales receipts are issued to keep track of your purchase, and remaining credit. Delivery can be arranged for larger orders nearby.

At this time these some of are the fruits and vegetables we plan to raise for 2018: **arugula, basil, beans, beets, blueberries, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cilantro, cucumbers, dill, eggplant, eggs, garlic, kale, leeks, lettuce, melons, onions, pears, potatoes, pumpkins, raspberries, rhubarb, snap peas, spinach, summer squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, winter squash, zucchini.** There is no guarantee that every crop planted will yield sufficient quantities for sale.

Please fill out the following application, print it, then send your application and check to Ledge Top Farm, 487 Lyndeborough Center Road, Wilton NH 03086. You may also drop it off at the farm.

This document serves as an agreement between you and Ledge Top Farm when your check is received and deposited.

Ledge Top Farm CSA pre-buy for 2018

Date

Last name(s)

First name

Mailing address (street or P.O box)

Town

State

Zip

Make out the check to **Ledge Top Farm**

The amount of your payment \$ _____ for credit of \$ _____

Email contact (for the e-newsletter, balance confirmation):

Home phone:

Cell phone(to confirm your order is ready via text):

You may redeem your credit as soon as I receive your check. We do have some early vegetables growing in the greenhouse.

Ledge Top Farm agrees to supply you with the produce you order to the limit that the farm has available at the time of the order during 2018.

I have read the agreement and understand the advantages and limitations of the Ledge Top Farm CSA.

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