

Ledge Top Farm 2020 Farm Membership CSA

Become a member of Ledge Top Farm! Ledge Top Farm grows vegetables and small berries. On approximately 1 acre of growing space, Ledge Top Farm can supply many 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.

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, but practically speaking selection is available from May to October.

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.

The discount period is no longer offered and sign up time is January to March.

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 is committed to sustainable agricultural practices and grows fruits and produce to organic standards. Sustainable practices include preserving the structure of soil by reduced tilling or no tilling, using compost as the main additional plant nutrient, and introducing beneficial species whenever possible.

Although Ledge Top Farm is not a state-certified organic farm, we do belong to Certified Naturally Grown (<https://certified.naturallygrown.org>), which has an inspection system to monitor members so USDA organic standards are met. Natural minerals and fertilizers, such as compost, alfalfa meal, rock phosphate, feather meal, and kelp meal 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. We never buy from outside growers. 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.

If you would like to intern or work on a farm like this contact me, Tom Mitchell at (603) 620-7302

Here's how the flexible share plan works:

When you advance money to Ledge Top Farm, a credit is established for you to "buy" with your credit at the current retail price. In the flexible share plan you can choose your vegetables and place your order from the newsletter list. Your credit balance is used and drawn down each time you place an order. A sales slip showing the amount of your order and your remaining balance will be with your order. **Pick up Sunday, Monday, Thursday, and Friday** is preferable when you redeem your credit for an order. There is limited pick-up at farmers markets especially on Saturday. Funds not used by year's end are lost. A minimum \$10 pick up is required. When you pick up at the farm you get an additional 10% discount. You can choose any dollar amount you want and choose from whatever is available. Order should be placed between April and October.

How much should you pre-purchase: To determine how much you should pre-buy on the flexible share plan, think about how much you would spend each week on fresh fruit and vegetables grown on this farm. The peak season is June through October, about 20 weeks, although early and late vegetables are available from the greenhouse. If you think you would use \$15 per week you would pre-purchase \$300.

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.

Please use your credit by October's end, even though it's good until December 31st. Most items are not in sufficient quantity to supply you at the season's end.

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 \$10 per hour. All accumulated credit expires on Dec 31 2020.

Fixed Share plans: These are 20 week plans from June to October

Small share \$300: Your box each week will contain 3-5 seasonal vegetables, about \$15 in value.

Medium share \$450: This box has 5-7 seasonal vegetables, about \$22-25 in value.

Large Share \$700: This box has 5-10 seasonal vegetables, or about \$35 in value.

You may email, call, or text to preorder at (603)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 for \$6 dollars.

At this time these some of are the fruits and vegetables we plan to raise for 2020: **arugula, basil, beans, beets, blueberries, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cilantro, cucumbers, dill, eggplant, garlic, kale, leeks, lettuce, onions, 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. Almost 50 different items are planned for this season.**

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 2020

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 plan you are choosing(circle your choice):

Flexible

Small box \$300

medium box \$450

large box \$700

The amount of your payment \$

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

Home phone:

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

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 2020.

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

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