



Pick-Your-Own Program for CSA Members

An introduction for
new members

An update/refresher for
everyone else

The pick-your-own program is a huge component of our CSA. It's what sets us apart from other farms, and it's what keeps members coming back year after year. The program has undergone many changes over the years—the berries moved to a different field; we added fruit trees; we gave up on dahlias but might bring them back. Given all these changes, and our mixed record on communicating them (sometimes even the farmers are confused!), the time was right to spell out what is and isn't included, so that no one is missing out and everyone is participating responsibly. It takes a lot of trust to invite hundreds of CSA members into the fields, but great relationships are built on clear boundaries and clear communication.

**Thanks for being a part of our CSA, and we look forward
to seeing you in the Tin House and out in the fields!**

The Basics—Standard since 2008

Berries

- In the fields
- Strawberries blueberries, & blackberries.
- Weekly/seasonal quotas are posted in the Tin House and online

Herbs

- At the Tin House
- Parsley, basil, sage, thyme, oregano, chives, etc,
- No quotas, but please be conscientious of the other 250 members in the CSA

Flowers

- At the Tin House
- Zinnias, statice, snapdragons, strawflower, etc,
- No quotas, but please be conscientious of the other 250 members in the CSA
- Short-stemmed bouquets that can fit into a pint-sized ball jar

Recent Additions

CSA Snack Plot

Sometimes, it's a place for on-the-spot snacking—blueberries, cherry tomatoes, etc. At other times, it's part of our commercial operation. **To find out what's available for snacking, just ask the crew during CSA pickup.**

Field Gleaning

When certain crops are at the end of harvest—peas, spinach, etc.—we'll invite members to clear what's left before we till it under to prepare for the next planting. These are sudden-notice, short-lived opportunities that reward a quick response. **CSA gleaning opportunities will be announced via email.**

Field Herbs

Basil and parsley are *very* popular, so to supplement what we grow at the Tin House, we also plant them in the fields. If you need these herbs in greater volume for pesto, winter preservation, etc., this is where you should harvest them. **CSA picking opportunities will be announced via email.**

Field Sunflowers

Several times during the season, we plant sunflowers in the fields. Some plantings are for us to sell at the farm stand. Other plantings are for CSA members to pick. **CSA sunflower picking opportunities AND QUOTAS will be announced via email.**

Fruit Trees

Years ago, Glenn Aldridge planted several fruit trees along the fenceline that leads to the berry field—sour cherry, Asian pear, and peach. The trees are now producing (some better than others), and members are welcome to pick a pie's worth of berries or a few pears when they are in season.

Restoration Farm Herb Club

In 2021, we launched a club of CSA members to maintain the perennial herb and ornamental beds across the road from the Tin House. The club has 20 members, and they deserve a big round of applause for working in less-than-optimal conditions—the soil is heavy, and there's too much morning shade. Regardless, the beds look great thanks to the club, so if you see a gardener hard at work, please be sure to thank them (their names are posted in the beds). The culinary herb beds are available for picking, but the ornamental beds are not. If you're not sure which is which, just ask at CSA pickup.

Picking Hours

Members can pick whenever staff is at the farm and the gate is unlocked.

Definitely Open

late-May — late-October

Tuesdays 8am–6pm

Wednesdays 8am–4pm

Thursdays 8am–6pm

Fridays 8am–5pm

Saturdays 8am–1pm

Probably Open (no guarantees)

late-May — late-October

Mondays 9am–4pm

Not Permitted

- Foraging without permission
- Trespassing after hours and/or beyond the farm fields into the Old Bethpage Village Restoration
- Dogs