



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 big component of the Restoration Farm CSA. It's what sets us apart from other farms and keeps members coming back year after year. It takes a lot of trust to invite hundreds of people into the fields, so please read the following guidelines carefully. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask. Great relationships are built on clear boundaries and communication. We look forward to cultivating a great relationship with you!

At the Tin House

Flowers

- 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

Herbs

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

CSA Snack Plot

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

In the Fields

Berries

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

Herbs

- Parsley, basil, dill, cilantro
- Grown to supplement the limited quantities we can produce at the Tin House
- If you need herbs in greater-than-usual volume, this is where you should harvest them

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. Picking opportunities **and quotas** will be posted in the Tin House.

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 short-lived opportunities that reward a quick response. **CSA gleaning opportunities will be announced via email.**

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.

Late-May — Late-October

Sundays—closed

Mondays 8am–4pm

Tuesdays 8am–5:30pm

Wednesdays 8am–4pm

Thursdays 8am–5:30pm

Fridays 8am–4pm

Saturdays 8am–1pm

Worth noting...these expansive hours are an exclusive benefit of CSA membership.

Non-members are only permitted to visit the gardens and fields during farm stand hours.

Deer Gate Protocol

In April 2023, we installed an 8' deer fence to protect our crops. We open the gate at **8am** and close it at **5pm** on weekdays and **1pm** on Saturdays. The gate is never locked. If you encounter a closed gate on your way to or from the field, **be sure to close it behind you.** If you don't want to deal with the gate (the latch is heavy), simply plan on entering and exiting the field before the 5pm/1pm closing.

Not Permitted

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