# **2020 CSA Subscription**

### **A Family Market Place**

farm fresh products – Iowa Proud 319-961-6099

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### **Vegetables:**

Acorn Squash
Arugula
Asparagus
Beets
Broccoli
Brussel Sprouts
Buttercup Squash
Butternut Squash
Cabbage
Carrots
Cauliflower
Celery
Collards
Cucumbers
Egg Plant

Festival Squash
Garlic
Green Beans
Ground Cherries
Herbs – Basil, Cilantro,
Thyme, Oregano, and
more
Hot Peppers – Jalapeno,
Habanero, Chili, Long Slim
Red Hot
Kale
Kohlrabi
Leeks

Lettuce - Leaf, Head

Mustard Greens

Okra
Onions – Sweet Candy,
Spanish, Santana, Reds,
Green Table, Wala-Wala,
Texas Supra
Peas – Sugar Snap, Snow
Peppers – Green, Sweet
Yellows, Sweet Reds,
Anaheim, Gypsy
Pie Pumpkins
Potatoes – Yukon Gold,
Russet, New, Reds,
Kennebec
Radishes
Salad Greens

Spinach
Summer Squash
Sweet Corn
Sweet Potatoes
Swiss Chard
Tomatoes
Turnips
Winter Squash
Zucchini

#### **Fruits:**

Apples Rhubarb Cantaloupe Raspberries Strawberries

Watermelon Pears

#### Iowa Proud!!!

While some of the products are grown/raised on our Waterloo farm, we do utilize a handful of select specialized local growers to provide our customers with an incredibly diverse selection of farm fresh products. ALL of our products are proudly grown in IOWA and 95% of which is directly from farms located in the Cedar Valley!!

**Check Out Our Website to Sign-up Online or by Phone** 

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## **CSA Basics:**

For over 25 years, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) has become a popular way for consumers to buy local, seasonal food directly from a farmer. Here are the basics: a farmer offers a certain number of "shares" to the public. Typically, the share consists of a box of fruits & vegetables, but other farm products may be included. Interested consumers purchase a share (aka a "membership" or a "subscription") and in return receive a box (bag, basket) of seasonal produce each week throughout the growing season.

## **About Our CSA:**

For the 2020 produce season, A Family Market Place is offering several CSA Share size options to match any size appetite. We have three sizes of shares available to fit any size of family.

We also have two options for the duration of the CSA Subscription; a full season extends 20 weeks beginning approximately the **first Thursday of June** (weather obviously plays a role). For the less ambitious veggie/fruit eaters we offer a ½ Season Subscription that spans 10 weeks beginning July 12th.

The traditional CSA model has one short-coming, if the farm has poor yielding crop during a given season due to drought, hail, pest infestation, etc. the entire group of shareholders lose out a portion of paid value. A new more 'modern' model has been emerging in recent years, known as a Multi-Farm CSA. It is designed to drastically reduce the risk of crop loss or shortened season. A Family Market Place operates on a Multi-Farm CSA concept, translating into complete customer satisfaction. Our farm, A Family Market Place, is now entering 6 years of production experience. Last year we included over 50 varieties of produce in CSA Shares, the earliest producer is Radishes during springtime and we round out our season late in October with Pumpkins, Squash, and storage crops. As mentioned, we have a handful of select local growers that we use to augment our supply and selection of only the freshest locally grown produce.

# Payment Options:

### 15% Early Bird Discount for First Payment by March 15th

- 1. Payment in Full: Due by April 15<sup>th</sup>
- 2. Two Payments: Due Dates April 15th & June 1st

## The "Fine" Print:

Pick-up locations are set, but not in stone. At least 10 day notice is required so we can adjust. In the event that your family takes a vacation during the CSA Season, two options are available.

- You can donate your share to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, their truck visits our farm weekly to pick up our donations, so your share will be added
  to the truck
  - 2. You give it to a neighbor or friend they would pick-up your share on your behalf.