

Green Cow Organic Vegetable CSA (community supported agriculture)

The Green Cow Organic Vegetable CSA Club was started in 2004. It is located in Donggezhuang, a village 10 minutes north of Mrs. Shanen's restaurant in Shunyi. We have four greenhouses growing fresh vegetables year-round and an additional 80 acres growing wheat, oats, peanuts, corn, cotton, soybeans and a variety of trees. Our farm strives to be a closed system farm. The soil and water are regularly tested and are free of contaminants. We are growing high quality, safe vegetables using organic methods. We pledge to never use any toxic sludge fertilizer, chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. Our goal is to practice organic and sustainable agriculture and grow food that is safe for our families, safe for the environment and safe for our farmers. Our organic farming methods are verified and certified by our members who care the most about the quality and safety of our produce.

Our greenhouses and fields are managed by our own farmers and staff. We grow vegetables to meet the needs of our restaurant and our CSA members. We try to grow salad greens, carrots, spinach, beets, bok-choy and arugula, year-round. We also grow seasonal vegetables such as potatoes, eggplant, beets, fennel, tomatoes, cucumber, peppers, radish, zucchini, cauliflower, beans, broccoli, sweet corn and many other Chinese vegetables. Club members are welcome to participate in seed selection and also to contribute seeds. **Club members are encouraged to visit the farm.**

FAMILY CSA: We will provide 1 large basket per week for each family (can also be shared by other families but we deliver only to one location) There are generally over 12 or more varieties of vegetables and the amount is enough for a family of 3 or more people that enjoy a mainly plant based diet.

COUPLES CSA: We will provide a regular basket per week. There are generally 8-10 types of vegetables and the amount is enough for a couple or small family.

SINGLES CSA: We will provide a selection of 6-8 vegetables. This amount is enough for one person or more for omnivores.

The pick ups or deliveries will take place once per week for 48 weeks. The farm will not deliver during the 2 weeks of the coldest time of the year, Spring Festival and for 2 weeks during the hottest time of the year, latter half of July. The vegetables will be delivered in plastic baskets or cotton bags. At the following delivery, we will collect your empty vegetable basket or bags and take back any waste for composting. Lost bags or baskets must be paid for before any further deliveries will be made. Each bag is valued at 50 yuan and each basket is valued at 100 yuan

Annual membership for 2020-2021 is 18,000 yuan for Family basket, 14,000 yuan for Couples basket and 12,000 Singles bag. This price reflects the past year's increase in salaries, gas price and other farm costs. If your family is away for a holiday, please call Denise (8046-4301). Your unused vegetable basket can be picked up by a friend at our cafe, Green Cow City Cafe or it can go to your Ayi or another designated family in the same compound.

Seasonal membership (12 weeks of deliveries) for 2019-2020 is 5,000 yuan for Family basket, 4,000 yuan for Couples basket, and 3,500 yuan for Singles bag.

A membership to our farm provides direct support for safe and sustainable agriculture in your community. If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out the application form below and return it by email. Once an opening becomes available, we will arrange for you to visit the farm, collect the membership fee, and arrange to begin delivery. If you should have any questions please call Lejen, Shanen Ping, or Denise at 8046-4301 or email us at: thelovelygreencow@gmail.com

Green Cow Organic Vegetable CSA Club Application Form 2020-2021

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Membership Duration: Annual membership (48 weeks) Seasonal membership (12 weeks)

Membership Type: Family Basket Couples Basket Singles Bag

Delivery Day: Tuesday (Shunyi) Friday (Shunyi) Thursday (Eastern Beijing)

Pick Up Location: Green Cow Farm Green Cow City Café

- Pick Up date and time: a pre-arranged date convenient for both parties.

Optional: Driver: _____

Housekeeper: _____

Terms of Agreement:

- I agree to not smoke on or near farm grounds. (tobacco carries a virus that can kill tomato plants).
- I agree to not use chemical pesticides or chemical fertilizers on farm grounds.
- I agree to not litter on farm grounds and will help pick up plastic bags and bottles on farm grounds.
- I agree that Club vegetables will be for private use only and not for commercial purposes.
- I agree to clean and rotate the delivery baskets. When a new delivery is made, the empty basket will be returned. A 100 yuan charge will be made on any lost baskets.
- I understand that the Club greenhouse and grounds are open to members and their friends only.
- I understand that the annual CSA Vegetable Club membership fee is non-refundable. Under special circumstances it may be transferable.
- I understand that vegetable delivery is once per week (except the 4 weeks during Spring Festival and last week of July). This is during the coldest and the hottest weeks of the year.

I have read and agree to the above items.

Signature: _____

Date: _____