

Community Supported Agriculture in Oakhurst!

Tired of vegetables traveling more than you do? Wouldn't you like to know that you are supporting local organic farmers who bring you fresh vegetables every week? Have you ever heard of a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture)? Being a member of a CSA is one way to support your local farmers while getting the best produce, picked fresh every week.

Riverview Farms is a certified organic family farm on 150 acres in the foothills of the Appalachians in Northwest Georgia. The farm is bordered by the Coosawatee River which has created the bottomland that they cultivate. The farm has been in operation by the Swancy family for over 30 years and has been certified organic since 2000. Riverview Farms supports many small urban markets and restaurants as well as a large CSA with a weekly vegetable drop in the heart of Oakhurst at the Oakhurst Community Garden Project. The farm offers over 30 varieties of vegetables from May through December.

Community Supported Agriculture: Member Guidelines

Being a member of a CSA is one way to support your local farmers and get the best produce, fresh every week. Eating fresh, local, organic food is great for your health, community and the environment. Here are some tips on how you can get the most out of participating and help the program thrive for everyone.

_ Your pick up location is : **Oakhurst Garden, 435 Oakview Road, Decatur GA 30030**

_ Rates for CSA boxes

Weekly Rate:

\$25 End of May through July 9th and September 24th through December

\$35 Summer Rate – July 16th through September 17th

Monthly Rate (if you pay for 4 weeks at a time):

\$92 End of May through July 9th and September 24th through December

\$128 Summer Rate – July 16th through September 17th

Yearly Rate: 30 weeks - End of May through December

\$782

_ Payment : receipt of payment is required no later than the day of veggie delivery every week.

o You can either mail the payment in advance directly to the farm (954 White Graves Rd, Ranger, GA 30734) or you can drop it off at 131 Jefferson Place, Decatur, GA 30030 (in Oakhurst) using the little gold CSA drop box on the right hand pillar of the front porch. It is labeled "CSA." Also, a reminder to put the drop dates for which you are paying on the checks will be helpful

o Make checks payable to "Riverview Farms."

o Note on your check the week for which the payment is being made. For example: "Week of 6.28.08" or "Month of July 2008" or "2008 Season."

o If you are unable to participate for a specific week, please notify the coordinator by 5pm on Monday of the delivery week regardless of whether you have paid for that week.

_ Pick Up : You can pick up your share of veggies anytime after noon each Wednesday at the bottom of the driveway, under the carport next to the Oakhurst Garden's office. Please try to pick your veggies up on Wednesday as night time critters may enjoy them overnight. Any box not picked up by 4pm on Thursdays will be donated.

o When picking up, select an existing bag. Never switch items between boxes or open boxes. If you would like to arrange trades with other members, please do so after picking up your share.

o Please do not pick up a share unless you have paid for the week or otherwise made arrangements for payment.

_ Important Websites

Riverview Farms <http://www.grassfedcow.com/>

Oakhurst CSA Group: Main communication used for everyone who participates in the CSA. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DecaturCSA/>

Oakhurst Community Garden Project, www.oakhurstgarden.org

_ Questions, Comments, Issues : If you need more information or would otherwise like to discuss the CSA program, please contact:

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