

Canticle Farm 2009 Share Programs

~~2009 Spring Share Program is Sold Out!~~

~~Canticle Farm is offering a five week spring share program. The estimated date to begin is May 12, 2009. In April you will be notified of the exact date.~~

~~On **Tuesdays**, you will come to the farm between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm to pick up your share of vegetables. Large shares will contain 4 to 6 items weekly. A small spring share is usually sufficient for 1 to 3 people. The spring share is an early “salad harvest”.~~

~~Shares may contain the following items: lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, kale, Asian greens (mizuna, komatsuna, pac choi, and tatsoi), radishes, potatoes, carrots, salad turnips, scallions and parsley.~~

2009 Summer Share Program

Shareholders may purchase either large shares (feeds 4-5 people) or small shares (feeds 1-3 people) for the 18 week season that begins in mid June and ends in late October. Currently we project that the summer share program will begin the week of June 16th. Shareholders pick up 6 to 10 vegetables weekly depending on what's in season. On your assigned distribution day, **either Tuesday or Friday**, you will come to the farm between 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm to pick up your share of vegetables. In May 2009, you will be notified of the exact starting date for the season and your assigned pick-up day. Any share that is not picked up on the designated day during distribution hours (2:00 pm to 6:30 pm) will be donated to one of our participating local food pantries **unless** you make **prior** arrangements with our farmer, Mark Printz.

Shares may contain the following items: beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, collards, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, gourds, Asian greens, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, melons, onions, pac choi, peas, peppers (sweet and hot), potatoes, pumpkins, radishes, rutabagas, shallots, spinach, summer squash, winter squash, Swiss chard, tomatoes (heirloom, hybrid, paste, cherry), turnips, zucchini, and herbs (basil, cilantro, dill, parsley). PYO (pick your own) crops may include the following items: beans, peas, cherry tomatoes, herbs and flowers.

Summer Share Options for 2009

Participating Shares – Shareholder families are given the opportunity to participate in the farm through a variety of service activities. Small shareholder families will volunteer a total of 5 hours of service over the course of the nine month growing season beginning in February and ending in late October. Large shareholder families will volunteer a total of 10 hours of service during that time. Areas of service are listed on the Participating Share Agreement. Many of the areas of service do not require fieldwork or physical labor. If shareholders do not complete the service hours during the season, they will be billed at the non-participating share rate.

Non-participating Shares – Shareholder families who choose not to participate in service activities will be able to purchase shares at a slightly higher price to help offset the additional labor costs.

Partnership Shares – For families that have an income under \$25,000 or receive Medicaid, SSI, or food stamps, there are a limited number of partnership shares in which the participating

families pay a lower fee in exchange for additional volunteer hours beyond the participating shares. Contact the office for information about this option.

Donated Shares – As a result of donations provided through grants and through shares donated by individuals, we are able to provide shares to the needy in our area. In 2008, the following organizations received fresh produce during the summer season: Bradford Domestic Violence Shelter, Community Action Food Pantry, Genesis House, Guidepost, Hinsdale Food Pantry, Rehabilitation Apartment Program, Warming House, Limestone Food Pantry, Olean Food Pantry, and Salvation Army. Please indicate on your application if you are interested in donating.

2009 Fall Share Program

Canticle Farm is offering a five week fall share program. The estimated start date for the fall share program is Tuesday, October 20, 2009, and it would end on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

On **Tuesdays**, you will come to the farm between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm to pick up your share of vegetables. Shares will contain 6 to 10 items weekly. A large share is usually sufficient for 4 to 5 people and a small share is usually sufficient for 1 to 3 people.

Shares may contain the following items: beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, celeriac, collards, garlic, gourds, Asian greens, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, onions, pumpkins, radishes, rutabagas, spinach, winter squash, shallots, Swiss chard and turnips.

Payment

As a member of the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, we accept GOACC gift certificates.

A minimum deposit of \$50 will hold your share(s) when paying by check, GOACC gift certificate, cash or money order. All shares must be paid in full prior to the first week of the applicable season unless a payment plan has been negotiated with the farm. For information about payment plans, please contact the office. Many shareholders find it easier to pre-pay a monthly amount early rather than paying the full amount just prior to the season.

Please send the application page, the Participating Share Agreement (if applicable), and your deposit/payment to the farm office: Canticle Farm, Inc., 115 East Main Street, Allegany, NY 14706. Make checks, GOACC gift certificates, or money orders, payable to: Canticle Farm, Inc.

For those who find it more convenient to pay by credit card, that option is available through PayPal on the Canticle Farm website. When using PayPal on the Canticle Farm website, a full payment in one transaction is required and a credit card convenience fee is included in the price. Canticle Farm's current budget doesn't include funds to cover the PayPal charges.

Contact Information

The Canticle Farm Office is located at Canticle Farm, Inc., 115 East Main Street, Allegany, NY 14706 and may be reached at (716)373-0200, ext. 3358. Canticle Farm is located at 3835 South Nine Mile Road, Allegany, NY. Visit our website at www.canticlefarm.org. We can be reached via email at canticleoffice@yahoo.com.