

# How Does the Veggie Club Work?

The Veggie Club is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program where club members buy shares that pre-pay for their produce before the season begins. CSA's help farms by providing income during the spring when money is tight and expenses are high. As a thank-you to our members, you will receive a sign-on bonus and be eligible for weekly member only specials throughout the season. You can choose your share size (family \$250 or single \$125). There are no product restrictions for club members. Everything at our Stevenson Farm Stand is eligible, from tomatoes and corn to jams and bread.

#### Where are we located?

Stevenson Farm Stand is located at 2144 Route 202 Winthrop, ME, straight across from RT 135 south intersection

#### How does the Club save you money?

First of all, members receive a preseason sign-on bonus. The family share costs \$250 with a 6% bonus and the single share costs \$125 with a 4% bonus just for signing up! That gives you the buying power of \$265 with a family share and \$130 with the single share! In addition, we offer different specials each week that are for member only.

#### When are we open?

We plan to open in late-June and are open until the end of October. We are open 7 days a week through the season.

### How do you use your Veggie Club Membership?

You will be given a Veggie Club card at your first visit of the season to the farm stand. The card will be pre-loaded with your share size, plus your sign-on bonus. After you shop at the farm stand, use your card to pay and your bill will be deducted from your balance. You will be given a receipt with your remaining total when you check out. You can also inquire about your balance any time you bring your card to the stand. If you run out of funds before the season is over, no problem. We can add more onto your card at any time, however the preseason sign-on bonus is only offered if you sign up before May 31<sup>st</sup>. Balances are not carried over to the next season, so use them up!

Thank you for your interest in our farm! Buy Local, Eat Fresh!

### **History of Stevenson Farm**

It all started on Berry Road in Wayne, Maine in the 1970's. Ford and Susan Stevenson started growing strawberries for their pick-your-own strawberry business.

In 2005, fresh out of college, Tom Stevenson returned to the farm. Tom expanded the farm by growing a wide range of fruit and vegetables. Ford and Tom opened Stevenson Farm Stand in Winthrop in 2008 as their first joint venture.

In 2015, Tom started to scale down the vegetable growing on the farm in order to take over the strawberry fields as Ford planned for retirement. Tom and his wife Ashley have three children; Hadley (7), Hannah (5) and Ford (2). We still work closely with Ford and Susan to continue to make the farm a success.



## What's New?

- We had our best pumpkin season to date! Thank you to everyone who has supported us and spread the word about our pumpkin patch.
- We will continue to work closely with our local vendors to provide high quality products for you.
- Samantha Lee has worked for us on the farm since she was a teenager and this will be her first year as our assistant farm manager. We are so excited to have her start this new adventure. You will see her at the strawberry fields, dropping off deliveries at the farm stand, maintaining our greenhouses and manning the pick-your-own pumpkins.
- We also welcome Suzanne Madden as our Farm Stand Manager. Suzie has worked at our farm stands for the last nine years. We know she will excel at her new role.
- Our family expanded again! This time it was by four legs. Meet Duke! You will see him riding around with Tom this summer.

Please see your enclosed application for the Veggie Club 2018. All applications and checks are due before **May 31**<sup>st</sup>! Call Tom Stevenson at (207) 689-5993 with any questions or try our email: stevensonstrawberryfarm@gmail.com Check us out online at www.stevensonsstrawberries.com!