

Neu Erth Wormfarm was established in 1995 as one of the first CSA farms in Sauk County.

At the beginning our shareholders were mostly in Chicago where their connection to the source of their food and knowledge of how it was grown was more remote. Over time, with increased awareness and demand, we now grow solely for Sauk County and are a part of the evolving agricultural economy that values how food is grown, how far it travels and how it can form stronger links to a more sustainable food systems and healthier local economy.

In 2005, in an effort to strengthen and add links to this food chain, we began working with other farms to aggregate our produce to gain access to larger markets like stores & restaurants. Many of those growers have gone on to start their own farms and CSAs. Though there is still much work to do to improve our local food system this remains our consistent goal.

We still partner with other farms. The multi-farm model reduces risk and increases diversity for both the farmer and shareholders. Neu Erth Wormfarm will continue to work with our neighbors and colleagues who can provide certain items we don't grow. Shareholders will be able to purchase an egg share and occasional artisanal products from our network of friends.



Why Worms?
“Every fertile grain of soil has passed at least once through the gut of an earthworm.”
 Charles Darwin

Watch for updates on our website
www.neuerthwormfarm.com
 or follow us on Facebook

Projected Timetable

This is a general idea of what to expect and when. It is a projection based on last year's harvest and subject to weather. We will grow other items not listed here and some listed items include a variety of cultivars.

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
arugula					
beans					
bok choi					
beets					
broccoli					
brussel sprouts					
cauliflower					
carrots					
chard					
corn					
cucumbers					
eggplant					
fennel					
garlic					
gourds					
greens					
herbs					
kohlrabi					
lettuce					
leeks					
melons					
mushrooms					
onions					
peas					
hot peppers					
sweet peppers					
potatoes					
radish					
rutabaga					
spinach					
summersquash					
winter squash					
tomatoes					
turnip					



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AgriCulture

sustainably-grown
 vegetables and herbs

The Neu Erth Wormfarm is one of a growing number of small farms across the country offering fresh, sustainably-grown produce and an opportunity for people to reconnect to the land which sustains them.

What's the big idea?

What is CSA?

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and is a great way to connect eaters directly to the source of their food. By purchasing a share of the harvest, you are ensured the freshest, highest quality produce and will keep those dollars within your community. By supporting farmers who use sustainable practices, CSA contributes to the health of your family, the environment, and the community.

How Does It Work?

CSA subscribers (shareholders) pay in advance for a weekly share of the freshest produce during a Wisconsin growing season. For 20 weeks (beginning in mid-June), members receive a box containing 5-10 items reflecting that week's harvest. All produce is grown without use of synthetic pesticides or fertilizers. You will get familiar vegetables (tomatoes, corn, and squash) and less familiar ones (bok choy, arugula, and fennel). It helps to have a spirit of adventure and an interest in new discoveries.

How Much?

A Full Share (\$550 or \$27.50/week) is generally enough for two adults with a primarily vegetarian diet or up to four people with a mixed diet. You may choose to split a Full Share with a neighbor or friend (this works well if each of you will be out of town on vacation, for example) or choose a Half Share (\$325 or \$16.25/week).

You may be eligible for a rebate from your insurance company for participation in a CSA—Ask your provider.

In its commitment to sustainability, Neu Erth Wormfarm works closely with its sister organization, the non-profit Wormfarm Institute. The institute grew out of the realization that true sustainability is about thriving not just surviving and the key to this, we believe is by integrating culture and agriculture.

Although they are separate organizations, they share founders, a philosophy, and occasionally programming. Both organizations operate with the realization that food and farming a critical and often undervalued so work to elevate the awareness and the status of those who work to produce our food.

wormfarminstitute.org

Upfront?

About 80% of a farm's non-labor expenses are upfront costs and a significant amount of labor occurs before the first radish is harvested. We take full payment upfront as well as a commitment from shareholders so we know what quantities to grow. If paying the full amount in advance is a burden, you may write two checks with the second post dated to August 1st and we will deposit it then.

What if Crops Fail?

We grow over 50 different vegetables and herbs. Seasonal conditions favor different crops; a cool summer would favor more lettuce and broccoli, while a hot one would produce more eggplant and tomatoes. Since we grow so many varieties, including many heirlooms, the risk of crop failure is very low. Neu Erth Wormfarm is part of a multi-farm network CSA reducing the risk even further.

How Will I Get It?

Pickup sites are located in Wisconsin Dells, Baraboo, Reedsburg, and Sauk Prairie. Shareholders will be notified before the season begins of the specific location. Neu Erth Wormfarm delivers on Wednesday afternoons.

Questions?

For more information or questions contact
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Is There More?

- A weekly newsletter with recipes, cooking tips, farmer profiles, and information about farm-based events.
- Farm-fresh eggs from our free-range chick-ens; one dozen per week/\$3 dozen.
- Surplus quantities of selected veggies for canning may be available.
- Meat, cheese, and other farm products available for purchase—keep an eye on the newsletter for these offerings.

Bonus Box!

Members who sign up by April 15th will be treated to an early-season Bonus Box. Items may include maple syrup, asparagus, mushrooms, and more!



Signup Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

Choose Your Share

Full Share - \$600 (20 weeks)

Half Share - \$325 (20 weeks)

Bonus Box Sign up by April 15th

Add-On Share

Egg Share (1 dozen) - Add \$70 (20 weeks)

TOTAL (check enclosed for): \$_____

Tentative Pickup Site (Check One):

- Reedsburg Baraboo
 House of Wellness

Did someone refer you?

NAME: _____

Please detach this form and mail with payment to:

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