

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 Veggie Club!

STEVENSON FARM STAND

Veggie Club Newsletter

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 Rte 202 Winthrop, ME, straight across from the Rte 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 31st. 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 (9), Hannah (7) and Ford (4). We still work closely with Ford and Susan to continue to make the farm a success.



Notes from the Farm

We hope this newsletter finds you all well during this difficult time. Despite the many challenges that we are all facing right now, we are remaining optimistic that we will be in a better place by summer. Our greenhouses are full with newly planted tomato plants, our fields are clear of snow, and fertilizers and seeds have been delivered for the upcoming season. We are excited to finally have internet access at the farm stand to allow for a faster check-out process. Over the winter we have continued to secure our relationships with other local farms to offer you all of the fresh produce that our area has to offer. Everyone is excited for warm weather and watching the growth of new crops. We will see you soon!

Please see your enclosed application for the Veggie Club 2020.

All applications and checks are due before **May 31st**!

Call Tom Stevenson at (207) 689-5993 with any questions or try our email: stevensonstrawberryfarm@gmail.com

Check us out online at www.stevensonstrawberries.com!