

What is a FARM FRIEND?

You are, when you subscribe to our website and then place an order to pick up directly from our farm at our regular pick up hours. It's the only way to get the entire selection of what we sell. You get to meet us, and chat for a moment too. I don't know why, but most people find us pretty interesting, muddy boots and all.

My Farm Friends are broken down into three groups.

The first group is a Casual Farm Friend. No commitment, just order what, when, and as often as you like. Easy. If you already get these emails, you are automatically in the casual group and have the opportunity to purchase what you want and when you want, via email for set pick up times. This is the best way to ensure you have first dibs on what is grown and produced here

Then there is the BFF Program.

Enrollment for the BFF Program will be From February 14th through May 10th. We will only accept 30 people in the program.

This is a bit different. Again, there is no commitment to purchase weekly, monthly, or whatever. You can order as often as you want. Although traditional CSA's are wonderful, I found that they really don't work for most people whose lives include vacations, family stuff, etc. and most really cannot handle that huge box full of produce every week. You get to choose what you want, and when you need it. Plus we have a wider assortment of foods, and not just great organic vegetables.

There is a \$150 deposit, plus a \$1 processing fee, sent in with your form. That \$150 deposit is used for your first \$150 of purchases. If you plan on buying a few chickens, some eggs, and a bit of lettuce, and some other vegetables, you will easily hit this mark at some point.

So what do you get for your initial investment and why would I do this? In recognition of your support you will get the **10% discount on all produce, eggs, dairy, breads and chickens.** Beef, turkeys and pork are excluded. The deposit up front enables me to pay for many of the winter expenses during these months when we have little cash flow. The discount is applied from May 15 through October 31st.

What is new about the BFF Program? Our record keeping system.

This year, you will get a giftcard loaded with your \$150 deposit, which I can swipe in, and automatically deduct from your account and at the same time give you that 10% discount. I can reload your giftcard once it is used up for those of you who hate carrying cash or writing checks all summer.

We haven't been able to afford an expensive bookkeeping software to track this unique system, and still keep our prices affordable in the past. We have been using a database built for the purpose but it has been finicky. I usually wound up just letting the balances go in the past.

THE FFB Program

Additionally, there will be **work or internship shares** available through our **FFB program** (Farm Friends Buddy). For every hour you assist me in the gardens you will get a credit for purchasing any of our provisions, vegetables, eggs, or meats. I can use the extra hands, and there are many of you who have expressed a desire to learn how things thrive. So this can be a win win. Nurturing, that's me. If you want more details, please email me at jaklamas@gmail.com We can really use the help, especially in the spring planting season through July.