

# COVEYOU'S PRODUCE MEMBERSHIP FAQs

	OPEN MARKET Peak Season	OPEN MARKET Full Season	CSA Box Full Portion	CSA Box Half Portion
Is everything that you grow on your farm organic?	<i>We are USDA Certified Organic and grow all our crops without the use of synthetic pesticides or GMOs. We work hard to minimize any pests that may be harvested with your produce, but we still recommend careful washing and inspection. Note: We may grow some of our crops using certified organic techniques in transitional fields.</i>			
Do you use GMO products to grow, fertilize or improve the shelf life of its vegetables?	<i>NO WAY! We are USDA Certified Organic and we grow all crops without the use of synthetic pesticides or GMOs. We work hard to minimize any pests that may be harvested with your produce, but we still recommend careful washing and inspection.</i>			
<b>NEW</b> Do I need my own container(s)?	<i>Open Market (OM) Members receive 2 complimentary Coveyou Market bags that we encourage you to use. We do provide paper bags if you forget yours.</i>		<i>We provide a reusable box for you to transport your share. We do require that you return the box the following week. Or you can transfer your produce into your own container.</i>	
Am I able to choose my own produce?	<i>An Open Market (OM) Member has the flexibility of taking home as much produce as they can eat fresh in accordance with the number/members in their household.</i>		<i>CSA Box members picking up at the farm choose the produce that suits their taste from the selected items harvested that morning. Delivered boxes will arrive pre-packed.</i>	
What if there are vegetables in my share that I haven't tried before?	<i>Since OM members can shop as they please they are able to choose their own particular favorites, and encourage our members to be open to trying new things and use the recipes that accompany the weekly produce.</i>		<i>Pick up on farm: Since members can choose the produce that suits their taste, this is unlikely.</i>	
			<i>Delivery option: Vegetables in a delivered CSA box will often be the most commonly used and liked. Members are also encourage to trying new things and use the weekly recipes.</i>	
<b>NEW</b> When & were do I collect my produce?	<i>With their OM Badge, members can shop in our farm's market, any/every day our Market is open, and this year OM Members can now flash their Member Badge at our Farmers Market booths in Petoskey, Boyne City and Harbor Springs to enjoy the same shopping privileges in these locations!</i>		<i>CSA Boxes are available for pick up in our Barn Market every Tuesday between 11 am and 6pm. OR, for an additional \$3/box, CSA Box Members can retrieve their pre-packed box of produce at one of the following Farmer's Market booth locations: Petoskey, Boyne City or Harbor Springs</i>	
Will you deliver to my home or office?	<i>This is an option we are currently exploring.</i>		<i>For +\$10/box we'll deliver a pre-packed CSA Box to your home or office in the Petoskey and northern Walloon Lake area.</i>	
What if I cannot pick up my share?	-	-	<i>Logistically, we need you to adhere to your pick up day and location. We strongly advise that you find a friend who can pick up your box on days you cannot.</i>	

Are recipes and tips on handling fresh produce included?	<i>Yes, you'll receive a weekly e-mail summarizing what's new on the farm, what produce is available that week and a short list of recipes for you to try. We are currently working on improving our on-line recipe catalogue.</i>		
Do Produce Members have to work on the farm?	<i>No. We do all of the work in growing and harvesting your vegetables and fruit. All you have to do is enjoy!</i>		
What if we can't eat it all before the next pick-up?	<i>OM membership is based on the honor system. Please plan well so as little produce as possible goes to waste.</i>		<i>We provide tips and recipes on canning and freezing to preserve for future months. It is also highly recommended that you identify a neighbor, friend or family member who will take items that you do not want or will not be able to use.</i>
What if I end up wanting more vegetables that what is provided in the portion/ membership we purchased?	<i>OM members enjoy taking as many vegetables as they can each fresh, so this is of no concern. However, if you are using bulk amounts of produce for juicing, we ask you to include the juicing add-on to your membership. Details are available on our application.</i>		<i>A) Additional produce will be available for purchase at our farm or Farmer's Market locations at pick-up or, B) You may upgrade from a Half- to a Full-Share or from a Full-Share to an Open Market membership for a pro-rated fee. Keep in mind, a CSA membership allows you to top off your box with more of the same produce already in your box.</i>
Do we forfeit our produce if we're out of town on our pick-up day?	-	-	<i>In short, yes. Share balances do not carry forward. However, you may send someone in your place. Please identify that person or let us know if you'll be away so waste is minimized.</i>
What about herbs and specialty vegetables?	-	-	<i>We look forward to providing you with a variety of all the produce we grow, we will occasionally put in some herbs as well. Please feel free to suggest new items.</i>
How can I contact the farm if I have other questions or would like an application?	<i>Applications can be found in the CSA section of our website <a href="http://CoveyouScenicFarm.com">CoveyouScenicFarm.com</a>. Please feel free to contact us by phone at 231-348-1278, ask for David or Kathy. You can also reach us by e-mail at: <a href="mailto:CoveyouFarm@gmail.com">CoveyouFarm@gmail.com</a> to request application. All you need to do is fill it out and mail it back with down payment check.</i>		
Do you accept SNAP or Double Up Food Bucks?	-	-	<i>Yes. New this year, our CSA Boxes are now available to qualifying members paying with SNAP &amp; Double Up Food Bucks.</i>
When is my payment due?	<i>Full payment in advance is always welcome. However, a minimum 50% deposit is due with your application to secure your spot. The balance is due at your first pick-up. Please contact us with any questions prior to submitting your application.</i>		
Does my membership include other items available in your market?	<i>OM Membership includes unlimited amounts of vegetables members can eat fresh. Items available at the market NOT included in an OM membership include: flowers, potted plants, fruits and herbs, decorative seasonal decor, packaged products. Open Market is not intended as a bulk produce membership for preserving, freezing and/or canning of produce. However, produce members have Priority access to canning produce.</i>		<i>Items available at the market NOT included in a CSA membership include: flowers, potted plants, fruits and herbs, decorative seasonal decor, packaged products. Produce members have Priority access to canning produce.</i>

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