

BORDUA FARMS
CSA HANDBOOK



Welcome, we are the Borduas - one of the few remaining families in the area that have held steadfast to the tradition and livelihood of farming.

The food you and your family consume is of utmost importance to us. That's why we're committed to growing our crops with practices we feel good about feeding our own children. When you lend your support to our farm, you're not just a customer - you become part of our cherished family.

This is our CSA Handbook. It is here to help you understand how our CSA works and outline our shared commitments. We expect you to know the information inside this document. Please read this agreement to understand the Community Guidelines we both pledge to maintain!

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HOW IT WORKS

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture - a program where individuals commit to supporting a local farm by paying upfront for a season's worth of produce. This arrangement allows farmers to plan and grow with confidence, knowing that they have a guaranteed market for their crops, and provides funds at the beginning of the season when there are many expenses to growing.

The CSA at Bordua Farms is an 18-week program where members will receive an assortment of fresh produce every week. The contents of each share will be determined by seasonal availability.

When you join our CSA, you're not just purchasing fresh, locally grown vegetables. You're becoming part of a close-knit community of neighbors who prioritize knowing where their food comes from and teaching their children the same values. By choosing our farm-fresh goods, you're nourishing not only yourself but also your family, and contributing to the sustainability of local agriculture.

So, come for the delicious vegetables, but stay for the incredible community that we are building at Bordua Farms. We believe in cultivating more than just crops; we are cultivating connections and a shared love for sustainable, wholesome living.

Please note that shares are sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. Shares are limited so early enrollment will help ensure a share, and pickup day preference.

PICKUP DETAILS

Shares are to be picked up at the barn located at 1528 Main Street, South Windsor, CT. **The first pickup will be on the 3rd week of June.** Depending on weather conditions, the start date may be advanced or delayed 1-2 weeks, and members will be notified by email if there are any changes.

If you do not receive an email confirmation by June 1, please contact us at: info@bordua farms.com.

There are three pickup days/times available:

Tuesdays 3:30-6:30,
Thursdays 3:30-6:30,
Saturdays from 9:00-12:00.

Members must select a pickup day while signing up and commit to that pickup day/time for the 18 weeks. Our fields and produce is planned in advance to be harvested regularly based off our CSA schedule. Due to the nature of farming

and the perishable products, rescheduling/changing pickup days is not permitted. If a member is not available during the pick up time, **a friend/family member may pick up their share.**

Members are responsible for picking up their share every week at the designated time. **Late or missed pick-ups will be forfeited/donated.**

Please bring a reusable bag/tote/basket to bring your bounty home in each week. We provide each share with 1 reusable tote bag at the beginning of the season.

OUR GROWING PRACTICES

At Bordua Farms, we know that the food your family consumes directly impacts your overall health. That's why we're dedicated to growing our produce using methods we'd trust for our own family's meals.

Our commitment to sustainable practices leads us to growing our produce organically. Transparency is also at the core of what we do, and we openly share that three of our products - Sweet Corn (noted on the [EWG's Clean 15 list](#)), Winter Squash, and Pumpkins - are grown using conventional methods. However, we continually strive to adopt better practices for these crops as well. While we aim to have all our crops grown organically, we believe in celebrating progress over perfection. Thus, our produce is *primarily* organically grown.

RISK

Members are seen as active farm partners, sharing in the risks and rewards of agriculture (weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure, etc.). Bordua Farms will plan for such possibilities and use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk to members and optimize the rewards, however, no crops are guaranteed.

SHARE SIZE + PRODUCTS

A share is expected to feed 2-4 people their week's worth of produce. Additional shares can be purchased for larger families, avid vegetable eaters, or for those who like to freeze/preserve the summer harvest for later use.

Bordua Farms grows a wide variety of produce. Members can expect to receive a variety of greens, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, kohlrabi, herbs, melons, eggplant, peppers, squashes, tomatoes, and much more, which are typically harvested within 24 hours of pickup.

Due to seasonal availability, members cannot pick and choose produce varieties for their share. Selections are based on seasonal availability.

The early CSA boxes may not be as bountiful. Shares get more variety and more bountiful as the season progresses into the summer months.

SPLITTING YOUR SHARE

We welcome members to split a share if they feel that a share would be too much for them. Members who split a share are welcome to coordinate how they would like to do so (some people pick up every other week with their co-member, and others choose to split the weekly contents). If you choose to split a share, you are responsible for managing how the share will be divided and for splitting the payment.

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

FRUIT

We have teamed up with Draghi Farms to have their fresh fruit available as part of your CSA share. By choosing this additional offering, members will receive **6 fruit** offerings throughout the season (no pre-selected dates). Fruit varieties may include (but not limited to), blueberries, peaches, apples, nectarines, pears and plums. Multiple shares may be purchased.

WHOLE BEAN COFFEE

Receive an 8oz bag of our Broadleaf whole bean coffee, roasted right here in South Windsor, CT. Tobacco Valley Coffee Co's Broadleaf coffee is small-batch roasted and ethically sourced. **5 offerings** throughout the season (distributed at the start of each month). Multiple shares may be purchased.

PAYMENT

Cash, Check and Credit Cards are accepted. **All payments are non-refundable.** Members may transfer their membership to anyone who agrees to the CSA policy. It is the member's responsibility to notify Bordua Farms of any membership transfers. Bordua Farms will not provide any refunds or make monetary adjustments for transfers.

HOW DO I PAY FOR MY CSA SHARE?

Credit Card

CSA shares purchased online can be paid with a credit card. Online purchases must be paid in full time of purchase.

Cash / Check

CSA shares purchased by cash/check can reserve a spot with 50% down. **The remaining balance must be paid before June 1.**

Where to Send Your CSA Balance Payment

Full payment is due by June 1st.
Mail your check (made out to Bordua Farms) to
Bordua Farms CSA
373 Pleasant Valley Rd,
South Windsor, CT 06074

What happens if I don't pay my membership fee?

Membership fees must be paid by June 1st. No shares will be distributed until complete payment is received. If full payment has not been made by the time our CSA starts, your membership will be cancelled and any partial payments will be forfeited. All payments are non-refundable.

COMMUNICATION

Please reach us by email info@bordua farms.com or by phone, (860) 335- 2705.

Bordua Farms communicates with members primarily through email regarding farm updates, or changes to the CSA. It is the member's responsibility to open and read the emails to stay informed. Please be sure to "whitelist" our emails so we don't end up in your SPAM folder. (For Gmail, drag one of our emails into your primary tab. For other email providers, just add our address to your address book).

If you do not receive an email confirmation by June 1, please contact us at: info@bordua farms.com. If you unsubscribe from our email list you will not receive important updates.

We also send some information via our Private Facebook Group which is for members only. A lot of group interaction occurs here between members as they share advice and tips for making the most of your CSA.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: Follow us at <http://www.facebook.com/bordua farms>
Private Facebook page: CSA Community Hub. For CSA members only.
Instagram: @bordua farms

SAFETY ON THE FARM

We do our best to minimize risks to you and your family when you are visiting; however, we are a working farm and it is impossible to eliminate all hazards.

- **Uneven ground:** Please exercise caution when walking around the farm — especially in the pick-your-own flower field and when stepping into the barn and farm stand. There may be potholes, wash outs, slippery

surfaces or other tripping hazards.

- **Farm equipment:** Please do not operate or move any farm equipment or tools. If you allow your child to climb or sit on our tractors, you are doing so at your own risk.
- **Driveway:** Please drive slowly on farm property. We often have visitors and children in the parking lot.
- **Children:** Children must be supervised at all times.

HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE:

By purchasing a CSA share you are accepting this member agreement and the member hereby releases, indemnifies, and agrees to hold harmless Bordua Farms LLC, its agents and employees from any and all claims and/or liability from being on the farm property, being at any of the CSA pickup locations, from the purchase of a CSA membership or the use or consumption of food provided by the farm.

Bordua Farms LLC reserves the right to change parts of this Agreement/ Handbook related to production and distribution from time to time. We will contact our members via email to notify them in advance of any changes to the agreement.

Thank you from Bordua Farms!

