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2015 Community Supported Agriculture

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Dear Potential CSA Subscriber,

Thank you for your interest in finding out more information about the CSA program that we are offering at Neubauer Farms. We are extremely excited to offer the first CSA program in our region. The 2013 growing season marked our inaugural year in operation and we look forward to year number three with excitement and enthusiasm! We are passionate about giving people in our community access to local food that is grown in a natural, sustainable manner.

My husband and I, along with our two children, run a mixed farming operation 5 minutes from the Medicine Hat Airport, just west of Highway #3. A detailed map will be forwarded to you once you make a firm commitment to join us for our 2015 CSA season.

I am going to attempt to answer as many of your questions as possible with this letter, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further details.

How much does a CSA share cost? The 2015 CSA share will cost \$500.00. This will provide you with plenty of vegetables for a family of 4-5 with a supply of farm-fresh eggs (a minimum of one dozen every two weeks)

How much food can we expect to get? Living in Southern Alberta with volatile weather patterns this can be a difficult question to answer. Share volumes will be dictated by what we are able to produce. The approximate target for full share (a conservative guess for the total season): beets 10-15 lbs, carrots 6-8 lbs, cucumbers 25 – 35 fruit, beans 4-5 lbs, green onions 25, lettuce / spinach 1-2 bunches / week for 6 weeks, peas 3-4 lbs, potatoes 20 lbs, pumpkins 3-4 fruit, summer squash 15-20 fruit, tomatoes 5-10 lbs, various herbs when in season. In a CSA arrangement, the farmer and the shareholder “share” the risks associated with unpredictable weather. But, know that we will do everything we can to bring plenty of quality produce to you on a weekly basis throughout the growing season.



Full Share end of July

Do we need to work on the farm? The Neubauer Farms CSA program will only be offering non-working shares. However, you are welcome and encouraged to visit the farm during the pick-up schedule to learn more about the food that we are growing for you.

Where do we pick up our shares? Food shares will be available for pick-up on the farm on a regularly scheduled day, during a set time-frame.

What happens to my share if I am away on holidays? When you are unable to pick up your share you may make arrangements in advance to have a friend or family member pick-up on your behalf.

Can I bring my kids and pets to the farm? Kids – **ABSOLUTELY!** We are a kid-friendly farm. We have a play center, and many critters (goats, chickens, horses, calves, and pigs) for your kids to enjoy while in the company of a host from Neubauer Farms. It is great for kids to spend time learning about where their food comes from. Pets – unfortunately are not allowed on the farm – they can be stressed out by the unfamiliar environment, and our critters pretty much think they own this place and do not take kindly to trespassers.

Where are you located? You will receive a map and directions to our farm once you have put your deposit down on your shares. We are 3.5 km west of the city limits on the #3 HWY

How many weeks will you offer shares? During the 2014 growing season, we had our first pick-up the first week of July with weekly pick-ups until the middle of September. This year we plan to have a final harvest pick-up the week prior to Thanksgiving. This pick-up will include vegetables and squash for your Thanksgiving meal.

Is your farm organic? Our farm is not certified organic, but we will be using natural methods such as crop rotation and composting to enhance the soil quality and ultimately increase end production. We will only grow produce that is suited to this environment and climate.

How do I pay for my share? Please fill out the registration form attached to this email. Then mail registration form with your cheques (for the first half of your share by February 28, 2015, and a post-dated cheque for the remaining balance dated for May 1, 2014.)

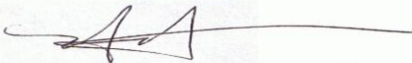
Please make your cheque out to Nichole Neubauer, and mail to:

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The CSA concept is not a new idea, but this is a first for our region. Please provide your feedback at every opportunity, as you will be a great resource for us as we continue our quest to provide our members with fresh, healthy food. If you have any further questions please reach me via email at nneubauer@xplornet.com or call 403-580-9654. Please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I am able.

Thank you for entrusting us to grow your food.

Sincerely,



Farmer Nichole

CSA Member Testimonials

"The CSA has been very good for the investment, and I am eating way more vegetables than I usually consume."

"The CSA experience has been so good and my family is loving it!"

"The quality is excellent and the vegetables are cleaned so well."

"The vegetables are more tasty than I expected. We enjoy visiting the farm and helping our girls make a connection with the food that they are eating."