

## Mud College Farm 2021 CSA – Ben Mearns [farmer@mudcollege.com](mailto:farmer@mudcollege.com) 717-677-2530

Thank you for your interest in Mud College Farm's Community-supported agriculture (CSA) program! By committing to a weekly selection of our organic produce and free range eggs you play a crucial role in sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, and supporting local business.

### How does this work?

Customers buy "shares" of Mud College Farm's harvest in advance and then receive a weekly portion of the crops and eggs as we harvest them, throughout the season. The amount of produce and eggs will be greater than or equal to \$20/week. At our two staffed locations, you will have the option to substitute for other items, generally of equal or lesser value, depending upon availability. Please bring last week's bag or another labeled bag to your pickup site (boxes are also ok at staffed locations), so that we can repack it for the following week. You will also receive a 10% discount form market stands at our staffed locations.

### About Mud College Farm

Mud College Farm is a certified organic grower located in Gettysburg, near Two Taverns. Our mission is to sustainably grow healthy local food for the Gettysburg area, and to be a catalyst for community and education. Our owner and main farm labor is Ben Mearns, a native of Gettysburg, who made a career change from software development and data analysis, to return to land stewardship and to direct community action. We are a small family farm – growing on 2 acres once farmed by Ben's father and mother as part of their dairy operation, where his grandparents lived. We also manage 8 acres of conservation land. Our name comes from a nearby historical site, which also lent it's name to the "Mud College Craft Guild", of which Ben's grandmother was a part.

### Share descriptions

We load up a reusable tote bag (or box at our staffed locations) of fresh, certified organic produce for you to pick up. You have the option to include one half dozen free-range eggs at no extra charge. You can also include one dozen eggs for a nominal price, see cost section below.

Example share:

- 1/2 pint of cherry tomatoes (certified organic)
- 1 cucumber (certified organic)
- 1 slicer tomato( certified organic)
- 1 red onion (certified organic)
- 1 bag of lettuce mix (certified organic)
- 1 head of garlic (certified organic)
- 1 dozen or 1/2 dozen non-GMO fed pastured brown eggs

### Pickup Sites and Schedules

Our CSA program runs for **22 weeks**, starting on Tuesday **May 25th** and ends on Saturday **October 23rd**. Locations, days and times are outlined below. We may add additional locations and times.

St James Lutheran Church (Gettysburg) Tuesdays after 2:30 pm Unstaffed Location
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Mud College Farm Tuesday Market Tuesdays from 3-7 pm Staffed Location
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Adams County Farmers Market
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Saturdays from 8am – 1pm Staffed Location
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\* *If you will miss your pickup and would like for us to bring it to the market or pick up at the farm, please let us know in advance so we can plan accordingly.*

### Cost

#### Full Share (weekly)

- Organic produce + ½ Dozen free range eggs (if selected) - \$440 check/\$455 credit
- Organic produce + 1 Dozen free range eggs - \$495 check/\$510 credit

#### Half Share (bi-weekly)

- Organic produce + ½ Dozen free range eggs (if selected) - \$220 check/\$230 credit
- Organic produce + 1 Dozen free range eggs - \$250 check/\$260 credit

### Payment Methods

Mud College Farm happily accepts cash, check, credit and by app (Venmo, Paypal, and Cash App). Credit and app prices are higher to reflect processing fees.

Payment for the season is due 2/1/21, or when you sign up if after that date. An exception is for Full Share members who would like to pay in two installments of \$220 (or \$247.50 for doz eggs). In this case, the second installment is due during first CSA week in May.

### Member Benefits

- Pick-your-own opportunities for free or heavily discounted produce when we have a huge abundance. Last year we saw opportunities for pick your own tomatoes.
- Receive 10% off on all additional purchases at our farmer's market and on-farm locations.
- Receive 20% off on large orders, such as for stewing tomatoes and pickling cucumbers
- Farm tours and visits
- 1 Mud College Farm logo tote bag

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Q: How can I get veggies in May?**

A: Come visit us at our market location, Adams County Farmers Market in Gettysburg. As a CSA member, you will receive 10% off your order.

#### **Q: How can I get veggies in November?**

A: Come visit us out our pop up locations at Mud College Farm and other farms and locations in Adams County

#### **Q: What can I do when I am unable to pickup my share at my normal time/place?**

A: Just let us know if you would like to pickup at another site on the days listed above. If you are unable to pick up that week, also let us know. You will receive a \$15 credit that you can apply at a choose your own site (farmers market or on-farm).

#### **Q: What can I do if I can no longer continue?**

A: You may transfer your share to another person at your discretion. Just let us know, and they will be able to let us know their desired pickup place. We can also facilitate the donation of your share to a household in need.

**Q: How can I get more of your veggies?** I really liked the Okra, but I need more to make a good dish.

A: Come visit us at a market location (e.g., Adams County Farmers Market in Gettysburg). As a CSA member, you will receive 10% off your order. You will receive 20% off on larger orders, when we have an abundance of a certain crop.

**Q: I don't want eggs, can I get more veggies instead?**

A: Yep, just select "no eggs" on the sign up form