



## 2006 Listings of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Farms Serving the Chicago Area

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### What is Community Supported Agriculture?

The concept of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) originated in Japan in the 1960's. The Japanese word "teikei" translates to "partnership" or, literally, "food with the farmer's face on it". CSA represents an opportunity to reconnect people to the land, to their food, and to the people who grow their food. One way to understand CSA is that it is like buying a subscription to a farm, where you pay a fee up front and get weekly deliveries of fresh, local food raised in kinship with nature. Another aspect of CSA is that members are literally investing up front in the farm business, enabling farmers to grow for their members' needs. Members pay a fee at the beginning of the season or in several installments, and then receive a "share" of the harvest in the form of a weekly box of fresh produce. The boxes are picked up from various host sites around the Chicago area or at the farm location.

#### Angelic Organics

Bob Bower  
1547 Rockton Road  
Caledonia, IL 61011  
815-389-2746

[www.angelicorganics.com](http://www.angelicorganics.com)

Angelic Organics is the largest CSA in the country, offering vegetables and fruits during the growing season and during an extended winter season. Angelic drop-off sites include 12 sites in Chicago, one in Rockford, and sites in Oak Park, Evanston, Arlington Heights, Bartlett, Elgin, Highland Park, Park Ridge, Warrenville, Westmont, and Wilmette (check website for exact locations). To get their brochure with pricing and options, go to their website or give them a call.

#### Cedar Valley Sustainable

1985 N. 3609th Road  
Ottawa, IL 61350  
815-431-9544

#### Genesis Growers

Vicki Westerhoff  
8373 E 3000 S.Rd.  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
815-993-1454

Genesis Growers, a female operated farm run by Vicki Westerhoff, offers a traditional vegetable, herb, and fruit CSA where you pay up front and receive weekly deliveries of seasonal organic produce. Spring CSA April 1 (9 weeks) for \$180.00 with drop offs in Oak Park, Chicago, and Wheaton. Summer CSA will begin June 7 and last until the end of

October. Two size shares will be offered - full and 3/4. Full shares will \$550 or \$600, depending on whether they receive farm processed products. 3/4 shares will be \$375 or \$425, same scenario. For more information contact Vicki.

### **Green Earth Institute**

Steve Tiwald

10S404 Knoch Knolls Rd.

Naperville, IL 60565

630-664-5681

[www.greenearthinstitute.org](http://www.greenearthinstitute.org)

Green Earth Institute is a working farm and learning center located in the heart of Naperville and offers fresh organic vegetables and herbs, grown at their farm, for shareholders from mid-June through October for pick-up at the Naperville farm location (10S404 Knoch Knolls Rd, Naperville). Full shares (weekly) and half shares (biweekly) are available for the 2006 season. Details are available on their website at <http://www.greenearthinstitute.org/csa.html>.

### **Growing Home, Inc.**

Larry O'Toole & Harry Rhodes

1325 S. Wabash Ave #205, Chicago, IL 60605

**Rural Farm:** 2539 N. 30<sup>th</sup> Rd. Marseilles, IL 61341

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[www.growinghomeinc.org](http://www.growinghomeinc.org)

Growing Home is a social enterprise organization serving homeless and low-income people through a transitional employment program in the organic farming business. Over the past five years Growing Home has made great strides towards accomplishing its mission. Our organization has been recognized by many people and organizations in Chicago and nationally. Growing Home has recently been highlighted on National Public Radio and in the Chicago Tribune. According to the Chicago Tribune, “[Growing Home] happens to be a remarkable social experiment that turns out high-end organic produce while helping Chicago's homeless get off the streets and back into the labor force.”

In 1992 the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless applied for and was awarded a parcel of federal surplus land in Chicago to begin an urban agriculture training program for homeless people. In 1996, Growing Home was formed to begin the program. In 1998 Growing Home acquired 10 additional acres of federal surplus land in LaSalle County, Illinois and in April 2002 started its transitional job and organic agriculture social enterprise.

Since 2003 Growing Home has operated two sites that serve as the base for the transitional employment program: a certified organic farm on the 10 acres of farmland that it owns in LaSalle County, Illinois; and an urban market garden on the south side of Chicago.

#### **Product Availability:**

A wide variety of greens, vegetables, herbs and even honey.

Growing Home is proud to provide quality organic produce to some of the finest restaurants in Chicago. Check them out at their websites: [Vie](#), [Blackbird](#), [Lula Cafe](#), [North Pond](#), [Bistro Campagne](#), [Handlebar](#), [Wishbone](#), [Green Zebra](#) and many others.

### **Growing Power/The Rainbow Farmers' Cooperative**

#### **Growing Power Chicago**

1741 N Western Ave

Chicago, IL 60647

773.486-6005

**Growing Power Milwaukee**

5500 West Silver Spring Road

Milwaukee WI 53218

414-527-1546

[www.growingpower.org](http://www.growingpower.org)

Market Basket provides weekly deliveries of “baskets” of 12-14 varieties of affordable, sustainably raised and local produce to schools for purchase by parents and community members. Produce is grown by members of the Rainbow Farmers’ Cooperative, which is comprised of southern Wisconsin, H’mong, and African American family farmers from southern states (that supplement baskets during winter months). Market Baskets can be purchased directly through Chicago, Milwaukee, and Oak Park public schools. For a list of schools being served, contact Growing Power’s Milwaukee office.

**Harmony Valley Farm**

Richard de Wilde and Annake Witkop

S3442 Wire Hollow Rd. Viroqua, WI 54665

608-483-2143

[annake@harmonyvalleyfarm.com](mailto:annake@harmonyvalleyfarm.com)

[www.harmonyvalleyfarm.com](http://www.harmonyvalleyfarm.com)

Harmony Valley Farm, located in a secluded spring-fed valley in western Wisconsin, grows 100 acres of fresh market produce. Nestled between wooded hills, the vegetable fields that stretch along the Bad Axe River are awash in color. The beauty of Harmony Valley Farm is a result of integrating a healthy, natural environment with well-managed organic production. Harmony Valley promotes biological soil life and fertility through a system of cover cropping and applications of compost and minerals. The healthy mineral balanced soils produce great tasting vegetables with exceptional flavor and nutrition. Planting and maintaining year-round habitat allows the songbirds, bats, bees and beneficial insects to take up residence and become our allies in pest control. They are considered pioneers in organic farming by going “above and beyond organic” and helping other farmers learn to do so, too.

**Product Availability:**

CSA boxes are delivered from the first week in May through December in Viroqua, Lacrosse, Onalaska, Madison, Mazomanie, Wisconsin. Boxes are also delivered in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Bloomington, Plymouth, Maple Grove and Rosemount Minnesota. Choose from an every week share, every-other-week share, or use our flex plan which allows you to choose which weeks you receive a delivery. They deliver vegetables, fruit and pasture raised certified organic beef through our CSA. Visit their website for current pricing and sign-up forms.

Harmony Valley attends the Dane County Farmer’s Market on the Square in Madison every Saturday from April through December. Look for the green Harmony Valley Farm awning on Mifflin Street.

**Henry's Farm**

Henry Brockman

432 Grimm Road

Congerville, IL 61729

309-965-2304

[www.henrysfarm.com](http://www.henrysfarm.com)

### **Home Grown Wisconsin**

Suzanne Rubinstein

(608) 341-8939

[www.homegrownwisconsin.com](http://www.homegrownwisconsin.com)

Home Grown Wisconsin is a cooperative of 25 family farms located throughout beautiful Southern Wisconsin committed to providing fresh, certified organic, wholesome and high quality produce to the local community through our Chicago-area Community Supported Agriculture Program.

Receive a fresh variety of produce, carefully cleaned, boxed and delivered weekly or bi-weekly to several locations in Chicago and neighboring communities. Throughout the season you will receive over 100 varieties of vegetables, fruits, and herbs. You will also get a chance to try some of our wild foraged fruits and nuts, honey, apple and pear butters. We make it a point to always include a good quantity of your favorite staples as well as some novel and unique produce. This year we are also offering an organic, free-range egg share! Along with each delivery, you will receive an informative newsletter, which will provide you with delicious recipes (many from well-known Chicago-area Chefs), storage tips, and seasonal news. There are also several farm events for our members throughout the season.

### **King's Hill Farm**

Tom Ulik

19370 Hwy G

Mineral Point, WI 53565

888-752-2301

[www.kingshillfarm.com](http://www.kingshillfarm.com)

Kings Hill Farm is a vegetable and fruit CSA that delivers weekly during its growing season (June-Nov) and every other week during its winter season when it accesses organic produce from farms that grow year round. Kings Hill requires weekly payments for shares, and gives customers the option of canceling on any given week if they know they will be out of town. Kings Hill requires a \$50 annual membership fee, and offers "a la carte" purchases of produce in addition to its prepared shares. Pick-up locations are in Oak Park, Chicago, Lombard, and Barrington. To subscribe, contact Farmer Tom Ulick or visit their website.

### **Organic Pastures**

Larry & Marilyn Wettstein

Eureka, IL

309-467-6006

Organic Pastures offers monthly deliveries of retail organic beef, poultry, pork, and eggs on a first come, first serve basis to Evanston and Oak Park. Organic Pastures is run by Larry and Marilyn Wettstein, and is also offering a CSA beef arrangement for those interested, which includes a \$625 annual payment (which averages \$52/month) in exchange for monthly deliveries of a variety of cuts of beef. A great deal, the total cost per pound averages about \$4.95/lb for all cuts of organic beef (including the \$20/lb cuts you find at other markets). If you are interested in signing up, contact Larry and Marilyn Wettstein at 309 467-6006.

### **Prospera Farms**

Leo Sances

W3566 County Rd.

E Berlin, WI 54923  
920-361-4747

### **Sandhill Organics**

Peg & Matt Sheaffer  
32140 N. Harris Road  
Grayslake, IL 60030  
262-642-8927

[www.sandhillorganics.com](http://www.sandhillorganics.com)

Sandhill Organics is located in the heart of Prairie Crossing, a nationally recognized conservation community just 40 miles northwest of Chicago. Sandhill Organics is certified organic by Midwest Organic Services Association and the USDA, and offers CSA options for fresh vegetables, fruits and flowers. Sandhill CSA drop-offs are located in Oak Park, Wheaton/Glen Ellyn, Barrington, Chicago, and Prairie Crossing.

#### **Product Availability:**

Sandhill Organics grows a wide variety of vegetables and cut flowers. Their CSA program starts in early May and runs through the middle of December. The season is divided into 3 components: spring, summer and fall/winter. Members may choose to participate in any or all of these. For more information, including pricing, please see our website.

#### **Farmers Markets:**

The farmstand is open on Saturday mornings from mid-June through early October. Sandhill produce is also available at the Oak Park Farmers Market on Saturday mornings through the end of October. CSA pickup sites for the 2006 season include Grayslake, Oak Park, West Loop Gate in Chicago, Clarendon Hills, Glen Ellyn, and Barrington.

### **Sweet Earth Organic Farm**

Renee Randall  
PO Box 323  
Wauzeka, WI 53826  
608-875-6026

[sweetearthorganicfarm.com](http://sweetearthorganicfarm.com)

Sweet Earth Organic Farm is a female operated farm run by Renee Randall that offers organic vegetables, herbs, and fruits for CSA shareholders. **Chicago Locations:** Austin/Addison, Belmont/Ashland, Montrose/Pulaski, Chicago/Damen, Lincoln Park-North/Clark. **Suburban Locations:** Northbrook, Elgin, Evanston. For more information contact Renee at 608-875-6026 or download the Sweet Earth brochure on their website at <http://sweetearthorganicfarm.com/shareholders.php>.

### **Tomato Mountain**

Chris Covelli  
N7720 Sandy Hook Road  
Brooklyn, WI 53521  
608-862-3446

### **Wormfarm Institute**

E7904 Briar Bluff Road  
Reedsburg, WI 53959

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