

## **Bialas Farms Share the Harvest Community Supported Agriculture Farm Share Buying Club**

Setting up a Buying Club is easy!

Groups may be organized either by a single coordinator or a distribution committee, or it can be as informal as one person offering to pick up shares for everyone. Your group decides how it should best be set up based on the needs of the members.

Every member of the group handles their own applications and payments directly with Bialas Farms so no one in the group deals with others' money. All members have the option of full, half, or bi-weekly shares, and shares may be split up between two families or individuals. All members receive The FarmGirl Cooks' weekly e-newsletter. The newsletter will list what's in the share, and will include recipe links, cooking and preserving tips so, in true farm fashion, none of the share goes to waste.

Some Ideas of Places to Organize a Buying Club:

Workplace	Community Center
Gym or Yoga Studio	Church
Library	School

The distribution day is chosen by your group and all the shares for your group will be set aside at the Barn at Bialas Farms, ready for your pick-up person. After check-in, your designated pick-up person will simply bring the prepacked shares to your group's chosen distribution location, ready for you to grab and go as previously determined by members.

Some groups select a specific person to pick up the groups' shares at the farm each week, while other groups prefer to split the task equally among members. For example, if there are 10 people in your group, and the CSA season is 20 weeks long, each member picks up all 10 shares only twice per season. Sharing responsibilities equally will help prevent volunteer burnout, and it gives everyone the opportunity to visit the farm to see where their food is grown.

Once you have organized your group, let us know the names of all members so we can group the shares accordingly. All shares will be pre-packed and labeled with member names, ready to go by the start of pickup time on your distribution day. Members should be sure to mark the same pickup day on their applications.

Joining a Buying Club doesn't mean that individual members cannot come to the farm distribution - it just makes it easier for those who cannot fit a weekly CSA pickup into their schedule. We welcome all of our members to any and all farm share distributions. In addition, we have other vendors sharing our barn on certain pickup days, so customers and members alike may share the bounty of our region and build a relationship with the artisans responsible for feeding their families.