

Down to Earth CSA Stafford Springs, CT

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2021 Season

What to know about the Farm

- **Work teams and workdays:** Each working share family should provide at least one person to work 2 hours every other week during the season. Choose Your preferred work session day and time on the application form. You can change your selection later by emailing the staff. You work every other week. Work weeks are designated A and B. You will be assigned to week A or B on your preferred day and time. See the calendar which has work weeks, work days and crop mobs listed. Please log the hours you work on the sign in sheet in the grain room to insure you are credited for them. Your farm work is essential to the success of the CSA. Contributing more than the 2 hour commitment or extra family or friend participation is more than welcome.
- **Your work schedule:** If you need to miss a scheduled work session, just let the staff know by email. They are more than willing to accommodate you. You can substitute other work days for the one(s) you miss or someone else can work your session in your absence.
- **Communication with staff:** The best way to communicate with staff is by email. staff@getdowntoearth.org.
- **Children are welcome at the farm:** Those requiring supervision will need a second adult or older child to accompany them while at least one share member concentrates on the farm work of the day for the 2 hour session. Children who are old enough to work with their parents in the field are encouraged to do so. Some of our best workers are children. There are areas at the farm where younger children can play.
- **Weather:** We generally work “rain or shine” unless the weather is severe (ie. lightning, strong wind etc.). Some sessions work to prepare the harvest pick-up so are important. If a session needs to be canceled, a notice will be put on the website under “Cancellations Changes” and or in the “Blog” and an Email may also be sent. Check all 3 just before leaving for the farm when weather looks questionable as changes are often made close to the scheduled work time.
- **What to wear:** We recommend; a hat; comfortable cloths; garden shoes or boots (no bare feet). Please bring gloves; water bottle (great well water at the farm) and insect repellent.
- **Electric Fence:** There is an electric fence at the farm. Staff members will show you how to open and close it.
- **Distribution of shares:** Vegetable shares are distributed on Wednesdays 4:00-6:00PM and Saturdays 12:00-2:00PM. Choose your preferred pick up day on your application. You can change your preference by emailing the staff. Remember, once distributions begin, usually in June, You pick up every week, not just the weeks you work. When you pick up your share, make sure to check off your name on the distribution list. If you won't be able to pick up your share on your regular day, please contact Staff in advance to make a change. Shares can be held in the cooler for a day or two.
- **Water:** There is a wonderful solar powered well at the farm, with great tasting drinking water.
- **Facilities:** Facilities at the farm are an outhouse. See the map or ask staff for the location.
- **Parking:** Parking is somewhat limited. You can park; near the gray barn; across the road or on the road.
- **Leaving the CSA:** If you must leave during the season, we will refund the balance of your membership, if someone is available to take over your share.
- **Bob White Farm:** We lease the land from Bob White. Bob and his wife Alla support locally grown organic food. Thanks Bob and Alla.