



2017/2018 Winter CSA Information

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Join us for a delicious variety of organic produce and citrus this winter!

Our winter CSA is a unique, cost effective way to provide you and your family with fresh, organic citrus, potatoes and juice from our New York farm as well as our citrus grove.

2017 marks our eighth year of growing citrus in Lake Wales, Fl. We (Mike, Gayle and family) split our time in the winter between Florida and New York, which allows us to grow a variety of citrus for our winter CSA. For more information and pictures of our farms, please check out our website at: www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com and follow us on Facebook & Instagram.

Our Farming Philosophy

Thorpe's farm is owned and run by the entire Thorpe family, and began in 1981 when Mike and Gayle purchased the farm from Gayle's uncle. The farm received its organic certification in 1999 and has been certified through NOFA NY ever since. Our family believes God created a complex and magnificent world, and we strive to farm using sustainable farming methods such as crop rotation, cover crops, organic non-synthetic fertilizers, beneficial insects, and organic compost. By using these methods instead of conventional synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, and genetically modified organisms, we are able to enrich our soil's nutrients rather than deplete them, which in turn creates healthier produce for you!

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat ~ Genesis 1:29

Benefits of Joining

- You should save money! Our winter share produce is discounted by approximately 10% compared to our farm store pricing.
- You will be investing in a local, family owned and operated farm, which benefits both our farm, and the neighboring community. By purchasing a winter CSA share, you are ensuring that our farm will be around for years to come, providing food for you and your family.
- Our organic citrus is grown and harvested by us, and the price you pay for it as a share member is about 10% less than what we sell it for in our farm store. It is a favorite amongst our customers, and is a welcome boost of Vitamin C, lycopene, and other antioxidants during cold NY winters.
- The juice that you will receive as part of your share is from our certified organic oranges. It is flash frozen in 11.2 ounce bottles, not pasteurized, not from concentrate, and most importantly, it's incredibly sweet. If you'd like to try it before committing to a winter share, please stop by our store and ask for a sample!
- We also offer organically fed beef, chicken, and pork for sale on CSA pickup days, as well as raw honey, organic grains, baked goods made with organic ingredients and baked on our farm, maple syrup, vegan/gluten free baked goods and Tierra Farm's organic nuts and coffee!

Pick up time, dates* and location

When

Winter shares will be available for pickup at our farm on Fridays. *The first pickup is December 15th.* From December 15th, all pickups begin an every other week schedule. Pickups go for a total of *eight* weeks, and fall on the following dates: December 15th, December 29th, January 12th, January 26th, February 9th, February 23rd, March 9th, March 23rd.

*In the event of a snowstorm, we will notify you by e-mail and reschedule the pickup.

What time

Winter shares will be available for pickup on the dates listed above, between the hours of 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Location

Winter share pick-up is located on our farm (12866 Route 78, East Aurora, NY 14052), right inside our farm store.

Pricing and share size

We are offering **one** share size this year. All shares will receive orange juice for the first four weeks, then citrus (oranges plus limited grapefruit) for the remaining pickups. Citrus should be ready in late February, at which point you will receive a 30-38 lb. case of citrus instead of juice at each pickup. Hurricane Irma damaged some of our early varieties of citrus, which is why you will receive juice for the first four or five pickups, instead of citrus. Our early varieties of citrus are "juicing" oranges anyway, so we're saving you the trouble of having to juice the oranges yourself!

Large shares cost \$380

*Shares may be split between families or individuals. CSA shares are non-refundable, but we promise to strive to meet your expectations!

What you will receive at each pickup

- 5 lbs. potatoes
- 1 case (25 eleven ounce bottles) of frozen, unpasteurized, not from concentrate orange juice at each pickup *until citrus is ready in February*
- 1 case mixed citrus (will replace the juice once citrus is ripe in February)

Credits

This year, we will not be offering "credits" as we have in previous years, in an attempt to simplify our e-mails and paperwork. The usual credit options such as freshly ground organic flours, coffee, nuts, raw sugar, oatmeal, granola, and baked goods will be available for purchase in the store during share pickup times. Certain baked goods from our on-farm bakery will be available for pre-order so you can ensure your favorites are ready for you on your pick-up days, and lots of other freshly baked items will be in the store to satisfy any last minute cravings!

Registration Form- Please return this form by December 13th!

Please fill out the following form, sign the bottom of the page, and return it with a check or cash to:
Thorpe's Organic Family Farm, 12866 Route 78, East Aurora, NY 14052

Payable to: Thorpes

If you are splitting a share with someone, *both* parties must fill out a separate registration form, so we have contact information for everyone.

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Full Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail (required): _____

I understand that my share pickup is every other Friday from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. ____ (initial)

- Please check this box if you are splitting a share, and write in the full name of the person you are splitting a share with**

_____ **Share payment of \$380**

_____ **I have called and made other arrangements (716-655-4486)**

I have read and understand all the information on this brochure, and also acknowledge that this payment is *non-refundable*.

_____ **Signature**