



**CROMWELL VALLEY CSA**  
Community Supported Agriculture

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### CSA Renewal Notice for 2010

Dear CSA Member,

Having traversed a rocky road, we are finally coming to the close of our 12<sup>th</sup> growing season. Through it all you not only received fresh-picked, certified organic vegetables, but you also supported sustainable agriculture and farmland preservation in your community. With Andrea now on board as our Farm Manager for 2010, the path is already beginning to clear.

There are a few changes in store for 2010. First, we will be decreasing the number of **harvest portions** (shares) to **125**. (We had just over 170 this year.) This number will include both those who pay for their produce and those who work in exchange for their portion.

We will also be increasing our prices (the last increase was in 2005). **The REGULAR PORTION price for 2010 will be \$575 and the SMALL PORTION price will be \$325.**

Finally, after a year's hiatus, we are bringing back the **requirement for participants to volunteer**. *The mission of the CVCSA is to serve and educate a diverse community through small-scale community supported agriculture.* By joining the CSA you are becoming a part of our community. In helping each other, we help ourselves – AND learn so much in the process. There will be a number of opportunities for participants to help and learn. On the farm, there is always weeding and harvest but there will also be planned task specific work sessions that could be anything from transplanting seedlings to trellising peas and staking tomatoes. If you are not able to work in the fields, we need volunteers to help with farm and food related educational programs for all ages. We can even use a tax preparer. Plans are underway for “perks” for those of you who complete your volunteer commitment in a timely fashion. Although we feel our members receive the greatest benefit when they are active participants, we realize that not everyone is able to take advantage of this opportunity. So, for an additional fee, you may opt out of the volunteer commitment.

As implemented last year, we require payment in full with your signed commitment form. While we realize this may be a burden for some of our participants, requiring payment up front is consistent with a sustainable model and other CSAs because long before you see any vegetables, we must purchase supplies for the growing season. **We are giving returning members until December 31, 2009** to return their 2010 Commitment Form and full payment. Please mail your form and check to P.O. Box 9707, Baltimore, MD 21284. In order to ensure fairness, we cannot accept hand-delivered forms and checks.

**As of January 1, 2010, we will offer any remaining portions to people on the waiting list and to the general public** on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on postmark date of the commitment form. Please note that we have a substantial waiting list and will not give returning members priority after January 1.

Thank you for your patience and support throughout this year. We hope to see you again next year on the farm.

The Board of Directors, Cromwell Valley CSA

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