

## 2018 Price Study of Community Supported Agriculture Operations in CT

### BACKGROUND

The goal of the 2018 Price Study of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Operations in CT is to monitor prices that farm businesses are charging for a standard summer vegetable full share and to share our findings with producers. This is the seventh year we have collected CSA pricing data. In response to producer inquiries, we began tracking CSAs that are USDA Certified Organic and/or had taken the CT NOFA Pledge. Given the increasingly common practice of offering a credit-type CSA (or sometimes called debit, or farm stand-style) we also track the frequency of this model. Below is a summary of our findings, as well as a full list of CSAs that were included in the study.

### METHODOLOGY:

We rely heavily on the price of CSA memberships (or shares) as advertised by farms and producer associations on websites and through social media. We compared prices of full CSA shares that featured vegetables, herbs, and sometimes flowers or small fruit. We did not attempt to compare the contents of CSA shares, nor did we evaluate pricing for add-on items such as flower shares, fruit shares, meat shares, egg shares, etc.

We segmented CSAs into three types:

TYPE 1 - Traditional CSAs that offer a full-sized share in a range of 15-24 weeks

TYPE 2 - CSAs that offer shares for less than 15 weeks

TYPE 3 - Modern farm credit/debit model CSAs that only offer a farm credit or bucks program for customers to use at the farm, at their farm stands, or at a farmers' market.

	# of CSAs
Type 1	82
Type 2	10
Type 3	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

### SUMMARY:

**We found the average weekly price of CSAs in the 2018 season was \$31/week**, which is unchanged over three seasons. While the total number of CSAs may be declining, we are not confident that our data collection methodology is adequate to confirm this possibility. We can only state that the total number of CSAs that we could locate in 2018 was 100, down from 113 in 2017.

### County comparison of Type 1 CSAs

	# of Type 1 CSAs	Weekly Price
Fairfield	7	\$31
Hartford	17	\$34
Litchfield	14	\$27
Middlesex	11	\$30
New Haven	14	\$31
New London	8	\$33
Tolland	5	\$33
Windham	6	\$33

## **TYPE 1 - 2018 Summer Traditional CSA Full Shares (15-24 weeks)**

### **Fairfield County**

**Codes: N=New CSA O=Organic FP=Farmers Pledge FC=Credit/Debit model D=Delivery**

Belta's Farm \$27.78  
Westport, CT  
Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$500  
**FP**

First Acre, LLC \$32.50  
Stratford, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$650  
**FP, D**

Laurel Glen Farm \$25.00  
Shelton, CT  
Summer full share: 19 weeks, \$585  
**FP, FC**

Shortt's Farm and Garden Center \$30.79  
Sandy Hook, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$585

Sport Hill Farm \$35.00  
Easton, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$700  
**FP, FC**

Stone Gardens Farm \$30.00  
Shelton, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600  
**FC**

The Hickories \$38.24  
Ridgefield, CT  
Summer full share: 17 weeks, \$650  
**O, FP**

### **Hartford County**

**Codes: N=New CSA O=Organic FP=Farmers Pledge FC=Credit/Debit model D=Delivery**

Beckett Farms, LLC \$37.50  
Glastonbury, CT  
Summer full share: 24 weeks, \$900

Bristol's Farm Market \$29.17  
Canton, CT  
Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$525  
**FC**

Gifts of Love Simsbury, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600 <b>O, FP, D</b>	\$30.00
Deercrest Farm Glastonbury, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$900	\$45.00
Easy Pickin's Orchard Enfield, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$560	\$28.00
Fair Weather Acres Rocky Hill, CT Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$600	\$37.50
George Hall Farm Simsbury, CT Summer full share: 23 weeks, \$690 <b>O</b>	\$30.00
Hein Farm LLC Farmington, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$600	\$33.33
Holcomb Farm West Granby, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$625 <b>FP</b>	\$31.25
Killam & Bassette Farmstead, LLC South Glastonbury, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600 <b>FC</b>	\$30.00
Lewis Educational Agricultural Farm Southington, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$750	\$41.67
Newgate Farms Windsor, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$650	\$32.50
Oxen Hill Farm CSA Suffield, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$645	\$35.83
Rosedale Farm and Vineyards Simsbury, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$749	\$41.61
Simpaug Farm Simsbury, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600 <b>FP</b>	\$30.00

Sub Edge Farm \$36.11  
Farmington, CT  
Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$650  
**O, FP, FC**

Wind Hill Community Farm \$25.00  
Glastonbury, CT  
Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$400  
**FP, D**

## **Litchfield County**

**Codes: N=New CSA O=Organic FP=Farmers Pledge FC=Credit/Debit model D=Delivery**

Adamah Farm \$29.57  
Falls Village, CT  
Summer full share: 23 weeks, \$680  
**FP**

Barden Farm \$25.00  
New Hartford, CT  
Summer full share: 22 weeks, \$550  
**FC**

Clatter Valley Farm \$33.33  
New Milford, CT  
Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$500

Gresczyk Farms \$25.00  
New Hartford, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$500  
**D**

Heritage Gardens \$26.67  
Winchester, CT  
Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$480  
**FP, FC**

Husky Meadow Farm \$30.00  
Norfolk, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600  
**N, O, FP**

Maple View Farm \$21.88  
Harwinton, CT  
Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$350  
**O, FP**

Marble Valley Farm \$32.50  
Kent, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$650  
**FC**

Ox Hollow Farm \$25.00  
Bantam, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$500

Ridgeway Farm \$19.44

West Cornwall, CT

Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$350

**N, FP**

Shiloh Run Farm \$29.00

Harwinton, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$580

**FP**

Sun One Organic Farm \$30.00

Bethlehem, CT

Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$540

**O**

The Farm \$22.50

Woodbury, CT

Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$360

**FC**

Waldingfield Farm \$30.00

Washington, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600

**O**

## **Middlesex County**

**Codes: N=New CSA O=Organic FP=Farmers Pledge FC=Credit/Debit model D=Delivery**

Bitta-Blue Farm \$20.00

Killingworth, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$400

**FP**

Deep Hollow Farm \$26.32

Deep River, CT

Summer full share: 19 weeks, \$500

**N, FP**

Fire Ring Farm \$33.33

Portland, CT

Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$600

**FP**

Forest City Farms \$34.72

Middletown, CT

Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$625

**O, FP**

Gentle Giant Farm \$25.00

Middlefield, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$500

**N, O, FP, FC, D**

Old River Farm \$30.00  
Middlefield, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600  
**N, FP, D**

Phoenix Farm \$35.00  
Cromwell, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$700  
**O**

Staehly Farms \$30.00  
East Haddam, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600

Starlight Gardens \$30.00  
Durham, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600  
**N, O, FP**

Wellstone Farm \$34.72  
Higganum, CT  
Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$625  
**FP**

Yellow House Farm \$31.00  
Middletown, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$620  
**O, FP**

## **New Haven County**

**Codes: N=New CSA O=Organic FP=Farmers Pledge FC=Credit/Debit model D=Delivery**

Barberry Hill Farm \$40.63  
Madison, CT  
Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$650

Bishop's Orchards Farm Market \$30.00  
Guilford, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600

Bodhichitta Farms \$40.00  
Prospect, CT  
Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$600  
**FP, FC**

Cecarelli Farms \$26.67  
Northford, CT  
Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$480

Crooked Carrot CSA \$30.00  
Southbury, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600

Daffodil Hill Growers \$33.82  
Southbury, CT

Summer full share: 17 weeks, \$575

Farm River Farm \$31.25

East Haven, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$625

**FP**

Farmer Joe's Gardens \$27.00

Wallingford, CT

Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$405

Frankie's Fruit and Vegetables \$30.56

North Haven, CT

Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$550

**FP**

Hindinger Farm \$26.09

Hamden, CT

Summer full share: 23 weeks, \$600

**FC**

Koan Farms \$15.00

Woodbridge, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$300

**FP**

Massaro Farm CSA, Inc. \$34.75

Woodbridge, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$695

**O, FP**

New Haven Farms \$40.00

New Haven, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$800

**FP**

River Crest Farm, LLC \$27.78

Milford, CT

Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$500

## **New London County**

**Codes: N=New CSA O=Organic FP=Farmers Pledge FC=Credit/Debit model D=Delivery**

Ayer Farm \$30.56

Franklin, CT

Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$550

**D**

Brown Paper Bag Harry's Farm \$36.67

North Franklin, CT

Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$550

**FP**

Full Heart Farm \$27.27

Ledyard, CT

Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$409

Hunts Brook Farm \$36.11

Quaker Hill, CT

Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$650

**FP**

Provider Farm \$27.39

Salem, CT

Summer full share: 23 weeks, \$630

**FP**

Sweet Acre Farm \$33.33

Lebanon, CT

Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$500

**O, FC**

Upper Pond Farm \$40.00

Old Lyme, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$800

West Green Farm \$34.38

Lebanon, CT

Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$550

## **Tolland County**

**Codes: N=New CSA O=Organic FP=Farmers Pledge FC=Credit/Debit model D=Delivery**

Cloverleigh Farm \$37.50

Storrs, CT

Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$600

**O, FP**

Cobblestone Farm \$30.56

Mansfield Center, CT

Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$550

**FP**

Down to Earth CSA \$38.75

Stafford, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$775

**FP**

Ghost Fawn Homestead \$31.25

Willington, CT

Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$500

**FP**

Willow Valley Farm \$25.00

Willington, CT

Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$500

**FP**

## **Windham County**



**Codes: N=New CSA O=Organic FP=Farmers Pledge FC=Credit/Debit model D=Delivery**

Assawaga Farm \$35.00  
Putnam, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$700  
**N, O, FP**

Blueberry Hill Organic Farm \$45.00  
Danielson, CT  
Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$675  
**O**

Brown Farm \$28.00  
Scotland, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$560  
**O, FP**

Devon Point Farm \$42.78  
Woodstock, CT  
Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$770  
**FP**

KD Crop Farms \$20.00  
Chaplin, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$400

Russo's Roots \$28.75  
Canterbury, CT  
Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$575

### **TYPE 2 - Farms Offering CSAs for less than 15 weeks**

Sleepy Cat Farm \$21.67  
Greenwich, CT  
Summer full share: 30 weeks, \$650  
Fairfield County  
**FP**

Garlic Farm \$48.50  
West Granby, CT  
Summer full share: 10 weeks, \$485  
Hartford County  
**FP**

Urth Farms \$30.36  
New Britain, CT  
Summer full share: 14 weeks, \$425  
Hartford County  
**O, FP**

Boulder Knoll Community Farm \$47.50  
Cheshire, CT  
Summer full share: 8 weeks, \$380  
New Haven County  
**FP**

DeFrancesco Farm \$27.00  
North Branford, CT  
Summer full share: 14 weeks, \$378  
New Haven County

Field House Farm \$30.00  
Madison, CT  
Summer full share: 12 weeks, \$360  
New Haven County  
**FP**

Gazy Brothers Farm \$25.00  
Oxford, CT  
Summer full share: 12 weeks, \$300  
New Haven County  
**D**

Robert Treat Farm \$32.50  
Milford, CT  
Summer full share: 10 weeks, \$325  
New Haven County

Stone Acres Farm \$35.71  
Stonington, CT  
Summer full share: 14 weeks, \$500  
New London County

Stoneyledge Farm \$45.83  
Stonington, CT  
Summer full share: 12 weeks, \$550  
New London County

**TYPE 3 - Modern farm credit/debit model CSAs that only offer a farm credit or bucks program for customers to use at the farm, at their farm stands, or at a farmers' market.**

Fort Hill Farm \$26.09  
New Milford, CT  
Summer full share: 23 weeks, \$600  
Litchfield County  
**O, FP**

Percy Thomson Meadows \$18.52  
Bethlehem, CT  
Summer full share: 27 weeks, \$500  
Litchfield County  
**FP, D**

Wild Carrot Farm, LLC \$19.62  
Bantam, CT  
Summer full share: 26 weeks, \$510  
Litchfield County

Cold Spring Farm \$38.13  
Colchester, CT  
Summer full share: 24 weeks, \$915  
Middlesex County

Four Root Farm  
East Haddam, CT  
Extended full share: 40 weeks, \$500 \$12.50  
Middlesex County

Clover Nook Farm \$27.50  
Bethany, CT  
Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$495  
New Haven County

Raspberry Knoll Farm \$25.00  
North Windham, CT  
Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$400  
Tolland County

Red Barn Creamery/Stearns Farmstand \$37.50  
Storrs, CT  
Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$600  
Tolland County