

The WSU Organic Standard

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Welcome, everyone, to the 2006 WSU Organic Farm Project CSA (community supported agriculture). This is our second season to offer a CSA and we are excited to have returning members as well as new ones! We will have close to 100 members this year including the wonderful volunteers. After last season's success the farm is growing and we will keep you up on the improvements in upcoming newsletters.

The recent sunshine has things growing but we are still behind after the heavy spring rains. The first pick-up is the third week of May. For Moscow that is Tuesday the 16th, and for Pullman that is Friday the 19th. I'm including the pick-up day you indicated on your sign-up form on the back of this letter. If you did not indicate a day I chose the site closest to your home town. If you would like to change your day please contact me as soon as possible. You will have that day for the remainder of the season.

We are using the three acres inside the orchard thanks to the Horticultural Department, thus, we need to be respectful of their needs and space. If you are picking up at the farm or ever choose to visit the farm, I ask that you please only park in the gravel area above the farm and be very aware of the many trees, sprinklers, and other equipment that may be near the orchard roads and parking area.

The orchard does sell their fruit and you will be able to purchase it separately in the summer and fall. If you have any questions feel free to call or email me. You are all members of this farm and your input is appreciated. Thank you for your support! - Brad Jaeckel, manager

How does the CSA work??!

Every week you will pick up your share at the scheduled pick-up location. We will have a list of the members so we can check you off after you've picked up. Some members are splitting boxes with other people, but there will only be one name on the list. It is up to you to actually split the share.

There will be two box sizes: full and half. The full shares have more quantity and variety. The half shares are not exactly half as much as the fulls. We were able to purchase reusable plastic boxes this year. There are two sizes so that should help in identifying the fulls and halves. ALL members are required to repack their share into another container of your choice. Many people were doing this last year with cloth bags or their own boxes. Then we will keep the plastic box and reuse it for the next harvest. If you forget your own bags we will have bags available.

If you are not able to pick up your box for any week you are welcome to have a neighbor or friend pick up in your place. All they need to know is your name so we can check you off on our list. Boxes will not be held past the set pick-up times, and any unclaimed boxes will be donated to the food bank partners.

Volunteers and Visitors

Volunteers start the third week of May, and I'm including your schedule with this letter. Full shares work 7 hours/week, and half shares work 4 hours/week. Please come to the farm at your scheduled time, and before you leave, enter your hours into the volunteer logbook. This is important for us to keep track of for the University, and if you ever need to know how many hours you've worked, we'll have a record.

Visitors are welcome to come to the farm. Friday afternoons are the best time to visit since we'll be distributing boxes then. However, we are flexible and will welcome you for visits on other days. Our summer field course will be meeting in the mornings and, yes, we do have students this year! Please be understanding if we are busy with a class and don't have time to chat. If you visit, please check in with a manager before touring the gardens. We can give you important info on where and where not to walk. And please leave your pets at home.

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: **Moscow Pick-up:**

: The Moscow pick-up is Tuesday afternoons at the Moscow Food Co-op (5th and Washington) parking lot
: between 4:30 and 6:30pm.

: We will be set up with other growers and the weekly BBQ. The parking lot is small and will provide some
: challenges. I encourage you to walk if possible or park nearby rather than in the lot. If you do choose to enter
: the parking lot PLEASE do not leave your car idling in front of the table to quickly grab your box.

: We are grateful to the Co-op for lending us the space and hope everyone will be respectful of other shoppers
: and drivers. If problems arise please let me know and we will try to find solutions. Remember that the Co-op has
: a "Leave Your Car @ Home" punch card available, so if you choose not to drive to pick up your CSA share, and
: spend at least \$5 inside the store, you'll be one punch closer to getting \$5 off at the Co-op.
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: **Pullman Pick-up:**

: The Pullman pick-up will be Friday afternoons at the farm inside the Tukey Orchard between 3 and 6pm.

: From Pullman, head east towards Moscow. At the last stoplight turn left onto Airport Road. Continue past
: Grimes Way (and the bears) about 3/4 mile to last driveway on right before the intersection to the airport. Turn
: right into driveway with big red sign: "Tukey Horticultural Orchard." Go through gate and past shop buildings.
: Follow paved road up hill through orchard. At the top of hill turn right at the grey shed and go about 200 yards.
: There is a gravel parking area on the right directly above the farm. Please park here and walk down to the gar-
: dens.

: The orchard is currently undergoing some irrigation repairs in the normal parking area. If that has not been
: completed by the time we begin please follow the signs to a different parking area.
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