

## 2015 Price Study of Community Supported Agriculture Operations in CT

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*Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), an arrangement whereby customers pay growers in advance of the growing season for a guaranteed share of the season's harvest.*

Background: In summer 2015 we investigated prices that farm operations advertised on websites and producer association listings. Our goal was to have a better understanding of prices that farmers were charging for a standard summer vegetable share. This is the fourth year we have collected CSA pricing data, so we are able to track how pricing has changed, and also make county comparisons. Below is a summary of our findings, as well as a full list of the 89 CSAs and their prices that were included in the study.

### SUMMARY

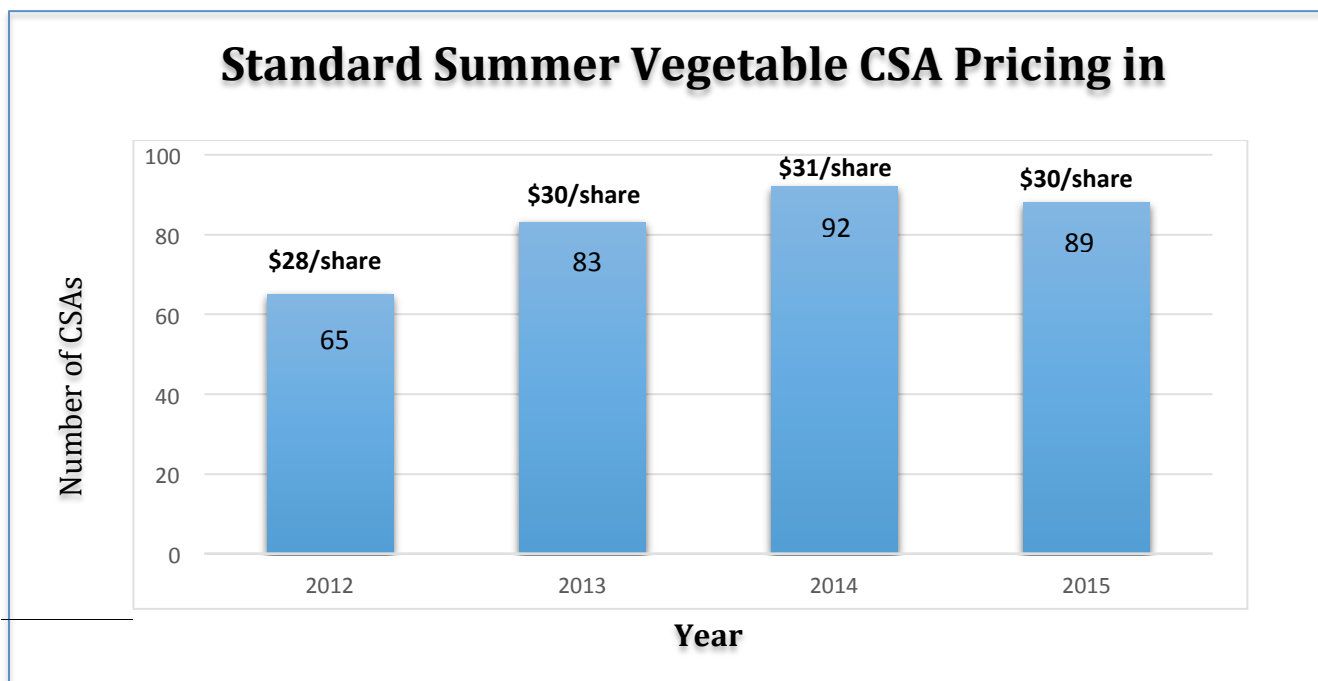
We found CSA pricing data for 89 farm operations. Standard summer vegetable shares were typically listed as July to October, featuring vegetables, herbs, and sometimes flowers or small fruit. We did not attempt to compare the contents of CSA shares, nor did we evaluate pricing for add-ons items such as flower shares, fruit shares, meat shares, egg shares, etc. when a range of weeks was promised for a given CSA share price (i.e 16-18 weeks), the average number was used (i.e. 17 weeks).

In response to producer inquiries, we also looked at pricing for CSA share prices at farms that advertised as USDA Certified Organic, Certified Naturally Grown, and CT NOFA Pledge. We found the CSA share price average rose only slightly, based on 41 farm operations.

**Average weekly price of 2015 Summer Vegetable CSA = \$30**

**Max price = \$50; Min price = \$14**

**Average weekly price for USDA Organic, Certified Naturally Grown, and CT NOFA Pledge = \$32**



**County Averages:**

Fairfield County- \$30	New Haven County- \$30
Hartford County- \$31	New London County- \$34
Litchfield County- \$28	Tolland County- \$31
Middlesex County- \$32	Windham County- \$27

**FULL LIST**

**Weekly Pricing data for 2015 Summer CSA Shares in Connecticut:**

<b>Fairfield County</b>	<b>COST/WK</b>	<b>Hartford County</b>	
<b>County Average:</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>County Average:</b>	<b>\$31</b>
Belta's Farm Westport, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$500	\$27	Beckett Farms, LLC Glastonbury, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$600	\$33
Garden Of Ideas, LLC Ridgefield, CT Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$375	\$25	Cupola Hollow Farm West Suffield, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$550	\$27
Sherwood Farm Easton, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$500	\$27	Deercrest Farm Glastonbury, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$900	\$45
Simpaug Farm Ridgefield, CT Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$525	\$32	Easy Pickin's Orchard Enfield, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$545	\$27
Shortt's Farm and Garden Center Sandy Hook, CT Summer full share: 21 weeks, \$565	\$27	Fair Weather Acres Rocky Hill, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$600	\$33
Sport Hill Farm Easton, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$700	\$35	Futtner's Family Farm East Hartford, CT Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$240	\$15
Stone Gardens Farm Shelton, CT Summer full share: 30 weeks, \$600	\$30	George Hall Farm Simsbury, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$525	\$26
The Hickories Ridgefield, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$625	\$34	Grow Hartford CSA Hartford, CT Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$425	\$26

Hein Farm LLC Farmington, CT Summer full share: 19 weeks, \$600	\$31
Holcomb Farm West Granby, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$575	\$29
Karabin Farms Southington, CT Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$600	\$40
Killam & Basette Farmstead, LLC South Glastonbury, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600	\$30
Newgate Farms Windsor, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$650	\$32
Oxen Hill Farm CSA Suffield, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$615	\$34
Rosedale Farm and Vineyards Simsbury, CT Summer full share: 12 weeks, \$425	\$35
Sub Edge Farm Farmington, CT Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$650	\$41
Tulmeadow Farm West Simsbury, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$500	\$28
Urban Oaks Organic Farm New Britain CT Summer full share: 12 weeks, \$600	\$50
Pleasant Valley Botanicals West Granby, CT Summer full share: 14 weeks, \$200	\$14
Wind Hill Community Farm Glastonbury, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$450	\$25

## Litchfield County

**County Average: \$28**

Adamah Farm Falls Village, CT Summer full share: 23 weeks, \$620	\$27
Anderson Acres Farm Kent, CT Year-round share: 20 weeks, \$760	\$38
Barden Farm New Hartford, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$550	\$27
Bunnell Farm Litchfield, CT Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$500	\$31
Clatter Valley Farm New Milford, CT Summer full share: 21 weeks, \$690	\$33
Fort Hill Farm New Milford, CT Summer full share: 21 weeks, \$690	\$33
Greaczyk Farms New Hartford, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$500	\$25
Heritage Gardens Winchester, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$450	\$22
Maple View Farm Harwinton, CT Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$300	\$19
Marble Valley Farm Kent, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, 600	\$30
Percy Thomson Meadows Bethlehem, CT Summer full share: 32 weeks, 1000	\$31
Sun One Organic Farm Bethlehem, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$535	\$30

The Farm \$27  
 Woodbury, CT  
 Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$495

Waldingfield Farm \$33  
 Washington, CT  
 Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$650

Wild Carrot Farm, LLC \$20  
 Bantam, CT  
 Summer full share: 25 weeks, \$600

Wright Farm \$28  
 Goshen, CT  
 Summer full share: 22 weeks, \$610

**Middlesex County**  
**County Average: \$29**

Bitta-Blue Farm \$18  
 Killingworth, CT  
 Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$350

Common Ground CSA \$49  
 Colchester, CT  
 Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$975

Fire Ring Farm \$33  
 Portland, CT  
 Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$600

Four root farm \$30  
 East Haddam, CT  
 Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600

Smith Farm/AVP \$27  
 East Haddam, CT  
 Summer full share: 11 weeks, \$300

Star Light Gardens \$33  
 Durham, CT  
 Summer full share: 21 weeks, \$695

Wellstone Farm \$35  
 Higganum, CT  
 Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$625

**New Haven County**  
**County Average: \$31**

Barberry Hill Farm \$41  
 Madison, CT  
 Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$600

Bishop's Orchards Farm Market \$30  
 Guilford, CT  
 Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600

Bodhichitta Farms \$35  
 Prospect, CT  
 Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$595

Boulder Knoll Community Farm \$20  
 Cheshire, CT  
 Summer full share: 20, \$400

Clover Nook Farm \$25  
 Bethany, CT  
 Summer full share: 18, \$450

Daffodil Hill Growers \$36  
 Southbury, CT  
 Summer full share: 18, \$650

Eve's Corner Garden \$40  
 Bethany, CT  
 Summer full share: 12 weeks, \$480

Farmer Joe's Gardens \$27  
 Wallingford, CT  
 Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$405

Field House Farm \$30  
 Madison, CT  
 Summer full share: 12 weeks, \$360

Gazy Brothers Farm \$46  
 Oxford, CT  
 Summer full share: 12 weeks, \$550

High Hill Orchard \$17  
 Meriden, CT  
 Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$304

Hindinger Farm \$24  
 Hamden, CT  
 Summer full share: 24 weeks, \$575

Massaro Farm CSA, Inc. Woodbridge, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$625	\$31	Tri Gable Lea Farm Colchester, CT Summer full share: 10 weeks, \$400	\$40
New Haven Farms New Heaven, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$800	\$40	Upper Pond Farm Old Lyme, CT Summer full share: 22 weeks, \$800	\$36
River Crest Farm, LLC Milford, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$500	\$28	West Green Farm Lebanon, CT Summer full share: 14 weeks, \$500	\$36
Robert Treat Farm Milford, CT Summer full share: 12 weeks, \$440	\$37		
Ro-Jo Farms Bethany, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$680	\$34		
The Crooked Carrot Middlebury, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$450	\$25		
<b>New London County</b> <b>County Average:</b>	<b>\$34</b>	<b>Tolland County</b> <b>County Average:</b>	<b>\$31</b>
Brown Paper Bag Harry's Farm North Franklin, CT Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$550	\$37	Cloverleigh Farm Storrs, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$700	\$33
Capital CSA C/O Sweet Acre Farm Lebanon, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600	\$30	Down to Earth CSA Stafford, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$775	\$39
Full Heart Farm Ledyard, CT Summer full share: 26 weeks, \$700	\$27	Garden of Eat'n CSA Ellington, CT Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$450	\$30
Good Bug Gardens Sterling, CT Summer full share: 22 weeks, \$600	\$27	Root Down Farm Coventry, CT Summer full share: 21 weeks, \$600	\$29
Hunts Brook Farm Quaker Hill, CT Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$625	\$39	Shundahai Farm Mansfield, CT Summer full share: 20 weeks, \$600	\$30
Provider Farm Salem, CT Summer full share: 23 weeks, \$725	\$31	Willow Valley Farm Willington, CT Summer full share: 22 weeks, \$500	\$23
		<b>Windham County</b> <b>County Average:</b>	<b>\$27</b>
		Abington Grown Abington, CT Summer full share: 15 weeks, \$300	\$20
		Bird Song Farm Hampton, CT Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$550	\$29

Devon Point Farm	\$41
Woodstock, CT	
Summer full share: 18 weeks, \$773	
KD Crop Farms	\$28
Chaplin, CT	
Summer full share: 28 weeks, \$560	
Raspberry Knoll Farm	\$25
North Windham, CT	
Summer full share: 16 weeks, \$400	