

The power outage from the double storms weekend before last threw my schedule into a whirl, and so I am a week late with this email. Sorry for that, but Mother Nature certainly is a force to be reckoned with, especially in farming!

If you would like to reserve a place in Stone's Throw CSA for the 2009, 20 week growing season, please send a \$50 deposit check to Stone's Throw CSA, 96 Eight Lots Road, Sutton, MA 01590 along with the attached registration form as soon as possible. Of course, you may also pay for your share in full at this time.

The number of shares offered will increase from 35 to 50 for 2009. To accommodate this, we will be holding two different distribution days, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2 – 7 PM. Please indicate which day you would prefer on your registration form. We will try and accommodate everyone's first choice for pick up day, but the cooler we use limits the number of boxes that can be stored at one time. Currently there is room for either day. The slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

At the sake of information overload I am repeating the information in my original email about Stone's Throw CSA. Large shares will be \$525 and small shares will be \$315. That price includes a \$25 large share and \$15 small share administration charge. The value of produce planted for our shareholders will be based on \$500 per large share (small shares will contain approximately half of a large share) using 2008 prices. As you may or may not know, eating seasonally means that the variety and amount of produce you get weekly will vary as crops become more plentiful in the summer. Distribution in the first four weeks or so will be much less than in the height of summer production. We have learned that this is important information for first time CSA members!

We currently require shareholders to materially participate in Stone's Throw CSA, 10 hours per season for large shareholders and 6 hours per season for small shareholders. We will also offer a program where shareholders unable to meet that obligation will be able to make a donation to have someone else hired to fulfill that obligation. It is our desire to find youth groups looking for community service that would benefit from such an arrangement.

Because this email is a week late, we will not be opening up shares to the general public until after January 5th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Martha Cole
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