

Massaro Farm CSA “Pioneer Shares” - Now for Sale

What is the Cost? \$400 for a Spring/Summer share, with no more than 125 shares to be sold for the spring/summer 2010 season.

What is a Pioneer Share? A Pioneer Share entitles the purchaser to: (1) an equal share, with other purchasers, of organic produce grown on the 57-acre Massaro Farm on Ford Road in Woodbridge during the spring/summer 2010 season; (2) priority in the ability to purchase shares for the 2011 season; and (3) public recognition as a Pioneer Share purchaser. However, there is no guarantee of how much, if any, produce will be received for a Pioneer Share, or what the cost for a share will be in 2011.

Why a “Pioneer” Share ? We need capital to launch a CSA on the Massaro Farm. The purchase of a Pioneer Share will help us raise the necessary funds. However, since the 2010 season will be our first growing season, the success of the farm can only be predicted and not guaranteed. There will be risk, but we are attempting to do what is necessary to ensure success. Field Six, 4.5 acres of prime crop land, has already been prepared for spring, 2010 planting. The pasture sod has been broken up and tilled under, and the field planted with buckwheat -- “green manure.” In late fall the field will be plowed again, and planted with winter rye. In the spring it will plowed under again. The enriched soil will then be ready for planting a wide variety of wholesome and delicious organically-grown vegetables. Long term plans include the planting of various fruit trees, berries, and flowers, and the re-claiming of many more acres for agriculture.

Who will Farm? A farmer, Steven Munno, was hired at the end of 2009. Many promising resumes were submitted to the Massaro Farm CSA Board of Directors for consideration. We believe that we have chosen wisely and look forward to Farmer Steve’s participation with the Massaro Farm.

How Will the Money Be Spent? We expect to raise \$50,000 from the sale of 125 Pioneer Shares. This money will be used solely to pay the farmer’s salary, and to purchase seed, plants, fencing and equipment. The proceeds from the sale of Pioneer Shares is the start-up capital for this community supported farm, and will help to establish it for years to come.

How Do I Sign Up? Families and individuals who wish to purchase a Pioneer Share should fill out and mail the attached form. For more information, please contact Jason Morrill, Treasurer, Massaro Farm CSA, Inc. at 203-387-0527, or email him at treasurer@massarofarmcsa.org.

Massaro Community Farm, Inc. and Massaro Farm CSA, Inc. are non-profit organizations of citizen volunteers who wish to make available to our community the benefits of locally-grown organic produce and farm products. We encourage you to join this venture, and buy a Pioneer Share. We also invite you to join Massaro Community Farm, Inc., which is dedicated to farmland preservation, feeding the hungry with organically-grown food, and educating our community about sustainable agriculture.

➔ Please, turn over for purchase form ➔

Pioneer Share Purchase Form
2010 Spring/Summer Growing Season - \$400

Purchaser Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check should be made to **Massaro Farm CSA, Inc.**

Mail the completed form with payment to our Treasurer;
Jason Morrill, 1182 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Thank you for buying a Pioneer Share. The money will be used to pay the farmer's salary, and to purchase seeds, plants, fencing, and farming equipment. You will receive an acknowledgement of your purchase.

You will also receive news as plans are formulated for the 2010 Spring/Summer growing season. You will be informed of the types of vegetables to be planted, and the expected harvest dates. We welcome comments or suggestions. Let us know what you would like to see planted or produced. What are your favorite farm products?

If you have questions, please contact any of the officers of the Massaro Farm CSA.

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