

What is “Community Supported Agriculture”?

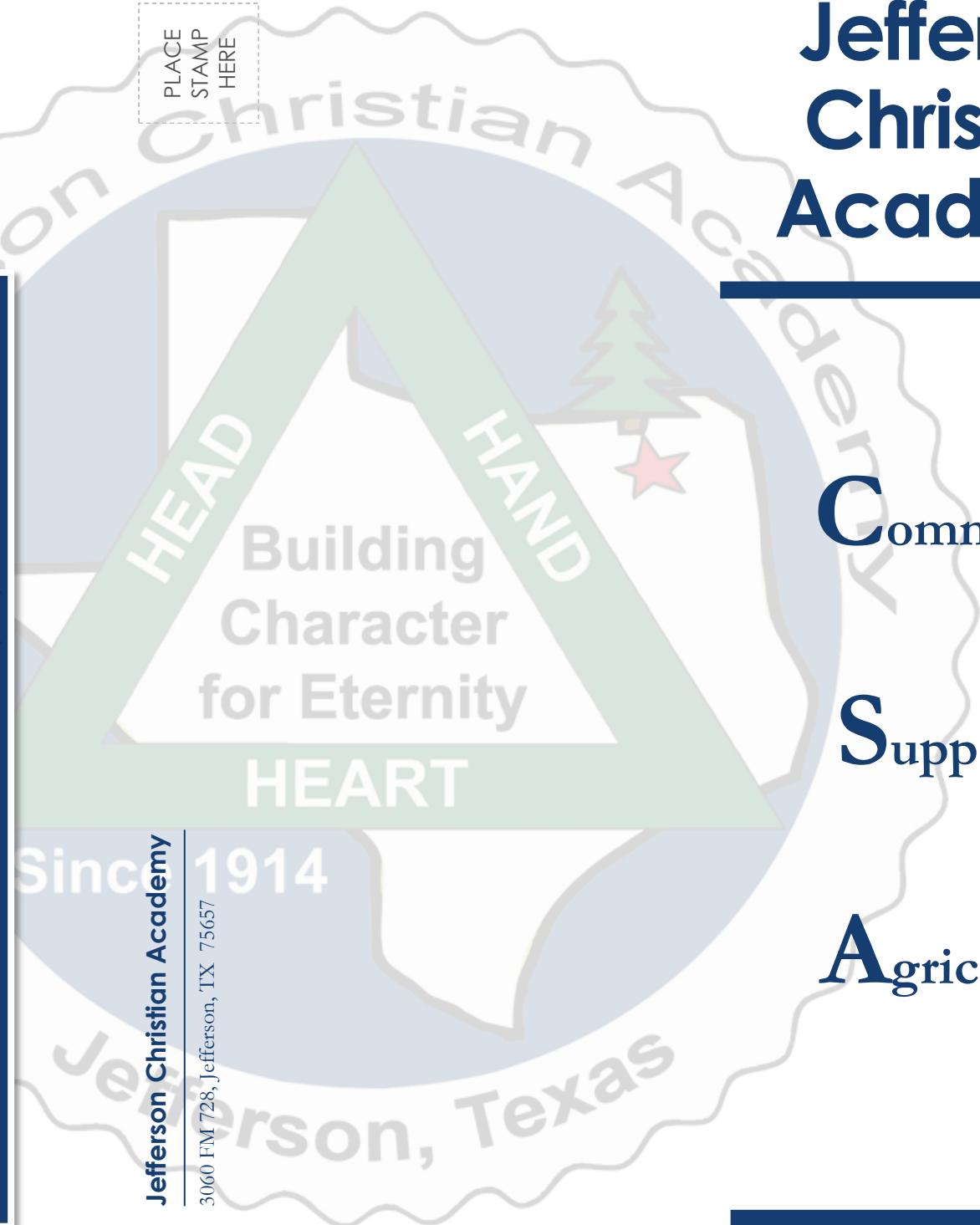
CSA, Community Supported Agriculture, is a mutually beneficial partnership between a farm or grower and a community of supporters. It creates a responsible relationship between people and the food they eat, the land on which it is grown and those who grow it.

Members cover the grower's yearly operating budget by purchasing shares of the season's harvest, thus committing to support the farm throughout the season. This way members share in the bounty as well as the costs and risks of growing their food right along with the grower. Their share dollars help to cover the costs of seeds, fertilizer, water, equipment maintenance, labor, etc.

In return for their investment, CSA members receive a box or basket of fresh, locally-grown, typically organic produce, once each week throughout the growing season. Members prefer a wide variety of vegetables and herbs which encourages integrated cropping and companion planting. These practices help reduce risk factors and give multiple benefits to the soil. Crops are planted in succession to provide a continuous weekly supply of mixed vegetables. As crops rotate throughout the season, weekly shares vary by size and types of produce, reflecting local growing seasons and conditions. Some CSA'S also offer flowers, fruit, meat, honey, eggs, and dairy products.

For more information on CSA, you might try visiting: [https://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/
community-supported-agriculture](https://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/community-supported-agriculture)

Jefferson Christian Academy



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We are a self-supporting boarding academy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, located in the beautiful Piney Woods of northeast Texas. Our gardening area consists of three greenhouses, one shade tunnel, two hoop houses and an 8000-square foot garden. Here the students and staff are learning and working together to bring you the **best tasting, healthiest** food possible. Growing delicious, nutrient rich plants starts with the soil. At **JCA**, we are following a **high-brix** garden program which enables us to grow higher yields of **nutrient dense** produce. We are utilizing a combination of organic additions, custom mineral broadcasts, nutrient drenches, foliar sprays and sea solids to develop and maintain the energy and life in the soil. We use **no harmful pesticides or chemicals**, and are striving to use only natural means to control pests and weeds so you can enjoy our produce worry free.

If you would like to join the **JCA CSA** family, please feel free to contact us at:

www.jeffersonchristianacademy.org/ag

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JCA CSA DETAILS

- Harvest Seasons:**
- April 28th—July 6 (10 wks)
 - July 7th—Sept. 14 (10 wks)
 - Sept. 15th—Nov. 23rd (10 wks)
 - Nov. 24th—Feb. 29th (14 wks)

- Farm Type:**
- High School Academy

- Full Share:**
- \$250/season— paid in advance
- (Family of Four)

- 1/2 Share:**
- \$150/season—paid in advance
- (Family of two)

- Work required?**
- Not required but volunteers welcome

- Pick up/Drop off:**
- Jamison Community Ctr.
 - Jefferson Christian Academy
 - Others to be determined

- Available Shares:**
- 40

Harvest to include lettuces, greens, tomatoes, hot and sweet peppers, cucumbers, green beans, onions, summer squashes, winter squashes, purple hull peas, cabbages, carrots, beets, radishes, okra, eggplant, herbs, etc.



Why is CSA important?

- **CSA** keeps food dollars in the local community.
- **CSA** creates a sense of social responsibility and stewardship of local land.
- **CSA** eliminates the “middle man” and encourages direct cooperation and communication between the consumer and the grower
- **CSA** provides growers with a fair return on their labor.
- **CSA** gives growers a guaranteed market for their produce so they can concentrate their efforts on doing the best job they can to produce quality food instead of marketing.
- **CSA** puts “the farmer’s face on the food” and increases awareness of how, where and by whom our food is grown.

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