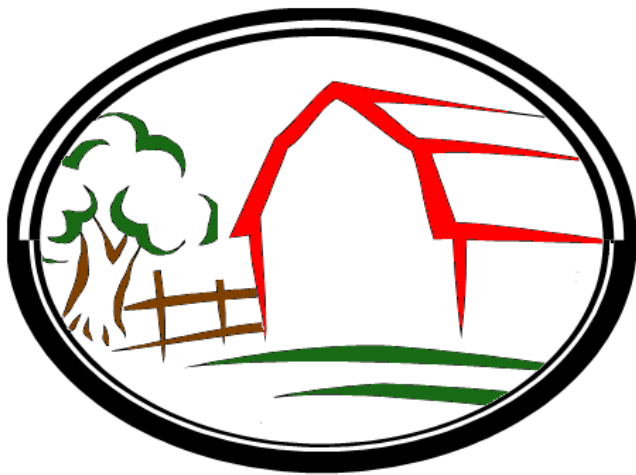


Zilke Vegetable Farm



Milan, Mich.

Community Supported Agriculture
(C.S.A.)

www.ZilkeVegetableFarm.com



What is C.S.A.?

Community Supported Agriculture is a type of membership that enables community members to personally know the farmers and farms that produce their food. It is a direct purchasing relationship between the local farmer and community members. Community members agree to purchase a season's worth of produce or "share" before the harvest season begins. In turn, members receive a weekly box of the ultra-fresh harvest during the local growing season. This agreement benefits the farmer by guaranteeing them a market for their produce and providing capital at a time when it is most needed. Members benefit by receiving the highest quality produce at an affordable price.

Our CSA is About Health

Healthy soil means healthy food. No herbicides or pesticides are used on our farm. Artificial fertilizers, ground water pollution and toxic residues on food are avoided. Eating locally grown, freshly harvested food is the basis of a healthy diet. People who join our CSA find a meaningful sense of community and rediscover a healthy life style which they have been missing.

Our CSA is About Families and Fun

Zilke Vegetable Farm CSA members are interested in MORE than vegetables: they like to know they are working with a professional grower who shares their environmental and social concerns. Families with children are welcome at our CSA gardens. We have hosted local school groups for farm tours in the garden. Zilke Vegetable Farm is about strengthening a sense of community. We have a newsletter to let people know what's going on in our garden, share recipes, and announce social events at Zilke Vegetable Farm.



What are The Advantages in Joining Our CSA?

- Receive ultra-fresh food for 18 to 22 weeks.
- Enjoy all natural food: Exceptionally clean farm, NO pesticides, NO chemicals, naturally grown.
- Develop a direct relationship with the farmers growing your food and learn about how your food is grown. Our Farm is your farm.
- Invitations to on farm special events (Hay rides, Picnics, and more)
- Encounter new vegetables and new ways of cooking.
- You'll find your kids typically favor food from "their" farm, even veggies they've never been known to eat.
- Your CSA box is filled with a variety of food that has been grown locally and harvested within days of your pick-up — not picked weeks in advance and ripened during shipment up to 1300 miles to your local food mart.

Tom & Vicki Zilke:

We are well suited for our CSA farm. Tom grew up farming 600 acres of corn and soybeans with his dad in Deerfield, Michigan, and has been landscaping for 30 years. He is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Nursery and Landscape Management. Vicki, also a Spartan, has been a MSU Master Gardener, and has always had beautiful and bountiful vegetable and flower gardens. We look forward to meeting you and your family. Feel free to contact us any time with your questions about Zilke Vegetable Farm. Phone: 734 260-2324 / e-mail: ZilkeVegetableFarm@gmail.com



How Do I Join?

First choose your plan:

⇒ One (1) CSA Share (18-22 weeks): \$330

⇒ Two (2) CSA Shares (18-22 weeks): \$525

(Share = a portion of that weeks harvest in a half bushel box)

Second choose your pick-up site:

We are in the process of securing pick up locations and times. At this time please indicate which general area works best for you. We will follow up with you on locations and times as soon as they are confirmed.

⇒ Ypsilanti / Ann Arbor Area

⇒ Ann Arbor Westside Location

⇒ Milan / Zilke Vegetable Farm

Third choose your payment plan:

⇒ Pay in full at time of Sign-up.

⇒ \$100 payment to reserve 2011 CSA spot, remainder must be paid by May 1st, 2011

Then, fill out the CSA registration form on this brochure, or print off the form from our website. Check the box for your options, fill out all personal information *(please include an e-mail account. We do most of our communication by e-mail)*. Read the form completely, sign and date.

MAIL your registration and payment (check or money order) to:
Zilke Vegetable Farm, 12725 Half Rd, Milan, Mi. 48160

Finally, once received, your registration will be confirmed by e-mail.



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Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Secondary Phone _____

E-mail _____

- I realize that this agreement commits me to making full payment for my membership.
- If I find that I cannot continue with the subscription, I will take responsibility for selling my membership or I will forfeit it.
- I realize that the amount of crops offered in my share may vary according to the weather, pests, diseases and other production factors beyond Zilke Vegetable Farms control.
- I understand that the number of weeks (18-22 weeks) shares will be provided may vary according to the weather, pests, diseases and other production factors beyond Zilke Vegetable Farms control.
- All shares that are not picked up at your selected location and date without at least 24 hours confirmed notice of other pick up arrangement before such date will be forfeited for that week.
- I understand the purchase conditions and agree to the payment schedule.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please complete and detach this form and mail with your check or money order to:

Zilke Vegetable Farm
12725 Half Rd
Milan, Mich. 48160



Come Visit Us:

Zilke Vegetable Farm

Our 14 acres of farmland is located south of Milan, off Hickory Road between Platt and Petersburg Roads.

From Platt Rd, travel south 2 miles of Main St in Milan, turn right on Hickory, and right on Half Rd.

From US-23, take Cone Rd exit (exit 22), travel west on Cone for 1/2 mile. Turn right on Platt Rd. Travel 1.5 miles to Hickory, turn left, then right on Half.

**12725 Half Road
Milan, Michigan
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<http://www.localharvest.org/farms/M32204>



We are on Facebook: Zilke Vegetable Farm

What people saying about Zilke Vegetable Farm

Fantastic local farm

My family has been part of several community farms, and this year we joined Zilke Vegetable Farm, since it is very close to home. Very close to the city of Milan, the farm is very accessible, and during pick-up times, we were welcome to bring our children to the farm and allow them to experience the farm, including venturing into the field and doing some harvesting on their own. This was a wonderful experience for the family, and added to the value we received from the farm. Tom and Vicki are warm and very welcoming of visitors, and the children took to them and begged to visit. The food selection was excellent, and we found that it was not too difficult to adjust menus to cook throughout the harvest season using a vast majority of foods we received as part of our share. In our experience, the value offered was superior to other options, particularly when location was factored in (as we live very close). Broccoli and beets were particularly adored by the family this year, and we got excellent portions of both. The selection of other fruits and vegetables was quite nice, and we found ourselves eating much more freshly than we would have otherwise, and likely for less expense. Compared to prior community farm experience, I think my family would rate Zilke Vegetable Farm the best we have tried -- for experience, quality of produce, convenience, and just plain fun. Definitely worth a look, especially if you are nearby and can spend a little time on site.

- Chris Overbeek



Positive experiences with the Zilke Vegetable Farm



The Zilke Vegetable Farm by Tom and Vicky Zilke that has brought a bounty of colorful produce to our Downtown Ypsilanti Farmers' Market. As the manager of this market, I greatly appreciated being able to welcome a new grower and his family to sell their home grown goods in our downtown region. The mission of our market is to help to bring better access to healthy foods to our community. The Zilkes' help to do this in an extraordinary

way with their thoughtfully grown produce that includes delicious broccoli, peppers, tomatoes and much more. They continually try to think outside of the box in order to reach their customers, creatively constructing things like pre-packed quart containers of all produce needed for making salsa.

I was fortunate to be able to visit the Zilke Vegetable Farm and was impressed with the organized fields, the maintained vegetables, and the future vision of growing their capacity that Tom and Vicky both shared with me. The Zilkes' are helping our community fill the need for new farmers that pay careful attention to the way their food is grown.

- Sarah Smith

From our 2010 Member Survey

- Honey and flowers were wonderful surprises. Greens were great, patty pan squash was really good. Baby veggies were tasty and fun for the kids. The acorn and butternut squash are very sweet - almost like dessert. Thanks for a great veggie season!

- We really enjoyed our first year of participating in a CSA farm and look forward to continuing on in the tradition.