

# Earn More SNAP Dollars

with the Healthy Incentives Program!



Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) Farm Shares give you weekly access to fresh fruits and vegetables that are healthy and affordable, and support local farmers! Buy a CSA Farm Share with SNAP and earn more money for food through the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP).

## What is a CSA?

Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a partnership between farmers and their community. Members buy a share of the harvest up front, before the growing season begins, and then receive a weekly bounty of vegetables (and sometimes fruit) typically between June and November. This allows farmers to plan their growing season more effectively—they know how much produce people want and have money to pay for labor and equipment at the beginning of the season, when they need it most.



## What is a CSA Farm Share?

CSAs often require full payment in advance, but that's not always possible for everyone. The CSA Farm Share program allows SNAP customers to enjoy all the benefits of joining a CSA while paying monthly (using SNAP) instead of all at once.

**HIP will match SNAP recipients' purchases of CSA Farm Shares from participating farms around Massachusetts, instantly adding the amount of your monthly payment back to your EBT card.**

Look at what you can earn each month! (based on household size)

**\$40** 1-2 PEOPLE | **\$60** 3-5 PEOPLE | **\$80** 6+ PEOPLE

## CSA FARM SHARE STEPS:



1. Choose the **CSA Farm Share Program** that is most convenient for your family (there are year-round options and ongoing enrollment).



2. Go to [www.mass.gov/HIP](http://www.mass.gov/HIP) to find locations near you.



3. Contact a participating farm to sign up and complete a membership agreement.

4. See your **CSA** payment debited from your **EBT** account the same day you get **SNAP** benefits each month.



5. Earn the **HIP** incentive automatically when your **CSA** payment is posted!



6. Pick up your share each week.

7. Use your earned dollars anywhere **SNAP** is accepted.

## FIND A HIP LOCATION NEAR YOU.

Visit [www.mass.gov/hip](http://www.mass.gov/hip) for a directory or call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

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