

# Kestrel Perch Berries 2017

A U-Pick CSA at EcoVillage and a HFFA participating farm  
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## HOW IT WORKS:

- ❖ **All shares are FULL-SEASON “FLEX” SHARES** that cover 12-13 weeks of picking (from around the second week in June into September, possibly with a few gap weeks) and include up to 50 “units” of fruit: STRAWBERRIES, RED RASPBERRIES, RED and BLACK CURRANTS, GOOSEBERRIES, and BLUEBERRIES. (A “unit” = 1 QUART of bulkier berries such as strawberries, or 1 PINT of smaller types.)
- ❖ **WHAT “FLEX” MEANS:**
  - ❖ After the first few weeks, you’ll be able to use CATCH-UP PICKING to make up for any scheduled picking times you’ve missed. (You may get different berries, but amounts will be about the same.) Since the number of catch-up pickers is unpredictable and could potentially impact the current week’s CSA picking, in-season catch-up picking is available ONLY IN PAY-AS-YOU-GO (PAYG) rows/sections/times. Longer-term (post-season) catch-up will start in late August or early September and will include FALL RASPBERRIES, ELDERBERRIES, and perhaps also the latest-ripening BLUEBERRIES, depending on how the rest of the season goes.  
**IMPORTANT NOTE:** July is Berry Glut Month, with several types of berries ripening at once! If you’re going to miss some July picking sessions, lining up a reliable sub in advance is the best way to avoid ending up with unmanageable amounts of catch-up.
  - ❖ You can also PICK AHEAD if you know you’re going to miss one or more picking dates due to vacation travel, etc. Like catch-up picking, PICK-AHEAD PICKING is available only when and wherever there’s PAYG picking. Again, you may not get the same berries, but the quantities will come out the same in the end. Just guess at amounts and adjust your later picking accordingly.
  - ❖ **SHARE PRICE is \$175, with an early sign-up discount of \$25 if applicable.** REDUCED PRICE SHARES are available through the Healthy Food for All (HFFA) program, with income eligibility standards the same as for food stamps and WIC. Check your eligibility and find the sign-up form on the HFFA website: <http://www.healthyfoodforall.org/get-a-csa-share/> , or request the form from Kestrel Perch.
- ❖ **RECRUITMENT BONUS! \$25 rebate** to any member who recruits a new member! For each share purchased as a result of your referral, you get your choice of a \$25 refund or a \$25 donation to HFFA in your name. (Please ask your referrals to note “referred by...” on their sign-up form.)
- ❖ **SHARE SHARING:** Share size is geared to fresh eating for 3-4 people, with some surplus for processing. Smaller households are welcome to share shares (as long as you all use the same picking window!); just enter your share-mate’s information on the sign-up form. How you share the share is up to you: You could split the harvest every week, time-share to cover vacation absences, have one person contribute the payment and the other the picking labor, etc. (NOTE: For HFFA shares, all share-sharers must be income-eligible.)
- ❖ **WORKING MEMBERSHIPS:**
  - FULL WORK SHARES** (15 hours; inquire if interested!) are available to members who can *finish their work hours before the picking season starts*. Can’t commit to that much pre-season work? Any hours you put in before June 1, 2016 picking season give you credit toward THIS YEAR’S share; after that, they count toward NEXT YEAR’S. **NEW THIS YEAR: SUPER-WORKER SHARES!** For 25 hours of work up front, you get one full-season share plus as much extra as you care to pick (in the PAYG sections).
- ❖ **PICKING WINDOWS:** Your choice of TUES/WED (10 am Tues. to dusk on Wed.) or WEEKEND (12 noon on FRI. to dusk on SAT.; SUNDAY picking also included but simultaneously with PAYG pickers).

Please print this page, check your preferences and **KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!**

PICKING WINDOW?  Tues/Wed  Weekend WORKING MEMBER?  Yes  No

For planning purposes only, mark your calendars with the tentative start date of TUES/WED June 6/7 or WEEKEND June 9-11. Start dates are weather-dependent and may change by a week or more; you’ll be notified by e-mail when they’re confirmed. You’ll receive weekly e-mail updates throughout the picking season.

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2017 SHARE AGREEMENT: Return this form promptly to reserve your share!

## SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION:

Name as you want it to appear at check-in: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I've read the 2017 info. Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

**Check if applicable:**  I'm a returning member from: \_\_\_\_\_ (year) and ALL my info is still the same.

**Or provide any new or different info:**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:**  I plan to share my share with this person who is NOT a member of my household:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

We are:  timesharing  sharing the share every week  send ALL weekly updates to my share-sharer

## PREFERRED PICKING WINDOW (check one):

TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY (10 am Tues. – dusk on Wed.)

WEEKEND (12 noon Fri. – dusk Sat; Sun. picking also included but will overlap with PAYG picking.) *I'll let you know if your preferred time is oversubscribed.*

## SHARE COST:

Please sign me/us up for:

\_\_\_ FULL-SEASON FLEX share/s @ \$175 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*with a \$25 early-bird discount (one per share if applicable):*

\_\_\_ EcoVillager, signed up by March 20 - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Non-EV returning member (from last year), by APRIL 20 - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ New or lapsed member, by MAY 20 - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I'm eligible for the early-bird discount but paying full price;  
please donate my discount to Healthy Food for All! \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR:

\_\_\_ I'd like to make a different donation to Healthy Food for All: +\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I received an e-mail statement of my work credit from last year;  
please apply it to this year's share: -\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I'm interested in working for credit. I understand that up to 15 hours of PRE-SEASON work can be applied to my 2017 regular share, 25 hours to a SUPER-WORKER SHARE (unlimited picking), and that in- or post-season work will be counted toward a 2018 share.

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form with payment to:**

**Kestrel Perch Berries, c/o Katie Creeger, 220 Rachel Carson Way, Ithaca NY 14850.**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Katie at 275-0272 or ithacaberries@gmail.com

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