

Kestrel Perch Berries 2018

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 **55 “units”** of fruit: **strawberries, red raspberries, red and black currants, gooseberries, and blueberries.** (One “unit” = 1 QUART of bulkier berries such as strawberries, or 1 PINT of smaller types, e.g. blueberries.)
- ❖ **WHAT “FLEX” MEANS:**
 - ❖ After the first few weeks, CATCH-UP PICKING will be available so you can 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 starts in late August or early September and includes **fall raspberries, elderberries, possibly husk cherries, and perhaps also the latest-ripening blueberries,** depending on how the rest of the season goes.
Small households may want to use the late catch-up option to avoid overwhelming quantities, opting to deliberately underpick during the main season and then effectively extending their season with late catch-up.
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 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.
 - ❖ Your SEASON CAP is 55 units. If crops are abundant, weekly amounts available may add up to more than 55 before the regular CSA season ends in late August. If that happens, please switch to PAYG when you hit 55. If it’s a less bountiful season, everybody gets automatic catch-up picking in September, to a total of 55 units.
 - ❖ **SHARE PRICE is \$195, 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:**
A few flexible **WORK SHARES** are available; inquire if interested! (To work off your share in full, put in 15 hours *before the picking season starts.* Alternatively, you can get credit for any number of hours up to 15 and pay the remainder in \$\$ at your first picking session.) **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 with competition, since it may coincide with PAYG picking!)

Please check your preferences and **KEEP THIS PAGE 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 5/6 or WEEKEND June 8-10. Start dates are weather-dependent and may change by a week or more in either direction; 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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2018 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 2018 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 @ \$195.00 \$ _____

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 (@ \$11/hour) -\$ _____

___ I'm interested in working for credit. I understand that up to 15 hours of PRE-SEASON work can be applied to my 2018 regular share, 25 hours to a SUPER-WORKER SHARE (unlimited picking).

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

OFFICE USE: ___ spreadsheet ___ e-list ___ off renew/KMI ___ credit? ___ ackn. ___ HFFA donation? ___ paid?