

SAVANNAH FOOD CO-OP

Produce Boxes

What is in the boxes?

The boxes are filled with certified organic produce that is primarily grown in the Southeast—Georgia, the Carolinas, Florida and Tennessee. The exact items differ each week based on what's in season and to provide some variety. There are usually some non-regional items as well, like apples. The boxes are a mix of fruits and vegetables.

What do the boxes cost?

\$28 Small Box: Perfect for a family of two, couple without children, or roommates.

\$38 Medium Box: Best for a family of four.

\$48 Large Box: The large box is for a large family.

How often do I have to order?

You never "have" to order. We are getting the food from a wholesale regional organic distributor based in Atlanta called Destiny Produce. They are willing to deliver to us up to twice a week, but we're going to start out at every other week. We need 25 orders in order to get a delivery. You can check them out at destinyproduce.com.

FYI: This is NOT Community-Supported Agriculture (a CSA), where you commit to buying every week in order to support a local farm. Though that's a great idea too, and maybe we'll do it one day.

How do I pay?

We have set up a bank account and you can either send in a check or pay using paypal. We'll send you the exact details when you sign up. Payment must be received before we submit the order.

How do I get my produce?

We are still looking for a good spot for pick-up and delivery (since we'd rather not use someone's house). Wherever we do it, we'll let you know where to go and there will be a window of a few hours for pick-up and it will be set up so that people who are working can make it.

How can I help?

YES! We need help finding a location for delivery (can you ask your church? community center? workplace? etc?). We will need a few people to coordinate each delivery, which will entail meeting the truck, counting the order to make sure it's accurate, having a list of who ordered what size box and making sure they get the right size when they pick up, and probably some minimal clean up. We could definitely use some help with recruiting (pass on this email?). And we may need help with the ordering process too—making sure all the checks are in, making sure we have 25 people, etc. Right now we're not requiring everyone to volunteer in order to participate, but we may in future. With enough people though, the tasks should rotate and the work should be minimal.

How do I sign up?

The co-op is run through a yahoogroups listserv, which is just a fancy way of emailing a lot of people at once. You need to sign up for the listserv, which you can do by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/savannahcoop/> and clicking on "join thisgroup" in the lower right-hand corner. Once your membership has been accepted (please include a little note so we know you're not an evil spammer) you can access all the archives of old emails, the files section, databases, etc.—it's pretty easy to figure out—just poke around, you won't break it. In the Databases section (there's a link to Databases in the left navigation bar) there's one called "Destiny Produce Boxes" where you can enter your name, phone number, and what size box you want for the coming week.

What about milk? Meat? Etc?

Destiny also offers Georgia pasture-raised organic ground beef from White Oak Pastures, and hormone-free milk and butter from Georgia-based Sparkman's Creamery. They also have some local peanuts from Walker Farms and some local pecans too. Once we get the produce in order, we'll try to set up some group orders for that stuff too, to come at the same time as the produce.

Other questions?

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