

About the weekly pick-up

1. How does the weekly pick-up work?

The Bloomington/Normal pick-up is in the Unitarian Church parking lot at 1613 East Emerson St., Bloomington each Tuesday between 6:30 and 7:30 pm from May through September. From October through the rest of the season (the season ends the Tuesday before Thanksgiving), we move indoors to the Vitesse Cycle Shop at 206 S. Linden, Normal. The time remains the same.

The Eureka CSA meets at the home of Laura Hughes (309-467-2976) at 1104 Redbud Lane, Eureka between 5 and 5:30. The Morton CSA meets at the home of Dave and Abby Ely (309-266-8372) at 148 N. Missouri, Morton between 6 and 6:30.



The produce is set out on long tables, with each item in a separate box. I (or the Morton and Eureka coordinators) stand at the head of the tables. Come to us first so we can mark off your names. Then go down the tables and pick up your produce. Signs on each box tell you how much of each item to take (ex. "Take one bag spinach" or "Take 6 ears corn"). The Exchange Table is at the end of the line. Exchange anything you don't want for something you do. All done. No muss, no fuss.

Weekly pick-up guidelines

1. Based on what I have learned over the years, I have come up with these simple guidelines to make sure the pick up goes smoothly:
 - **Bring your own sacks or boxes to carry your produce.** A strong cardboard box or basket seems to work best.
 - **Make sure and get your name crossed off** before you start picking up vegetables.
 - **Pick up the correct amount of each vegetable** provided that week. Don't skip over things you don't want; instead pick them up and leave them on the Exchange Table for other people to pick up.
 - **Only take as much as the sign says.** I bring in exactly as much produce as I need so if you take an extra quart of potatoes, it means somebody else will get none.
 - **Only exchange things at the Exchange Table.** As you are going down the line, don't decide to leave a bunch of beets and take two bunches of carrots instead. Instead take each item as directed, and then drop your beets on the Exchange Table and see if there are any carrots there.
 - **Please return all containers** (cardboard tills, plastic sacks, etc.). When the produce is packed in any sort of container, please either empty the container into your box or sack or return the container the next week. I re-use everything again and again.
2. *What should I do if I'm going to be out of town and can't pick up my vegetables for a week or two?*

The best thing to do is arrange for someone, friend or family member, to pick up your vegetables while you are away. Just tell them to give me your name when they come to pick up your vegetables. They'll appreciate the fresh produce and I won't have to carry your share of vegetables back home.

3. ***What if something comes up and I can't pick up my vegetables or I just forget one week?***

I realize that things do come up and people do forget. (Heaven knows I do.) If for some reason you missed the pick-up, call us to arrange to come out to the farm the next day and pick up your share. Please call before 10 a.m. Wednesday. If we don't hear from you by then, I'll assume you aren't going to pick up.

4. ***Do you ever sell extra produce?***

Yes, sometimes I have extra of certain items (last year, for example, I had extra corn and potatoes) or items that I want to sell but didn't have enough for each member (watermelons and muskmelons often fit this category). I'll set up the extra produce by the truck and you can buy it after you've picked up your regular share. It will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.