Our expectations are very high! The jobs are demanding and physical. The work is heavy, exhausting and repetitive; hot, cold or wet. Good physical condition is a must! Ability to repeatedly lift 30 pounds is a must. Although you may be in great physical condition, you will still discover muscles you never knew you had. You will likely find yourself in unfamiliar or uncomfortable positions for a sustained period of time (squatting, kneeling, stooping, bending). We work in ALL weather.

You commit to a shift and work that shift for the entire season.  
          Shift options: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 8am-12pm or 1pm-5pm

Worker shares develop a special connection with the farm and farmers and other workers and develop an appreciation and understanding of organic vegetable production.

Our Worker Shares help make this farm what it is!

***Frequently Asked Questions:***  
What will I be doing?  
You will be involved in all aspects of vegetable harvest and post harvest including washing, bagging, bunching, weighing, counting and sorting vegetables. You may weed, trellis, transplant, mulch. Each shift has its own rhythm. There are many one time jobs; some jobs repeat themselves week after week. Monday crews spend the early season planting and then do a lot of bigger weeding jobs. By the mid season Mondays include harvesting tasks. Tuesdays are much like Mondays with more harvesting work early in the season. Mondays and Tuesdays have the least carrying and counting work. Wednesdays are almost entirely harvesting and are our fastest paced days. There is a lot of carrying work as well as washing, counting and in the afternoon packing of boxes. Attention to detail is needed on Wednesdays.

I’ve never done farm work before. How will I know what to do?  
Each job will be explained. You need to be able to listen carefully, follow directions and work hard.

Can I share the responsibility with my spouse, partner, housemate, etc.?   
It is best if one person in a household makes the commitment, but if you need a sub you can certainly send another household member to work your shift.

Can two of us come each week for 2 hours?   
No.

When does the worker share begin?   
The work begins the first week of June and continues through the second week of October. It coincides with the vegetable delivery season.

Can I work for an Small Share?   
The worker share is a 20 week commitment, which will earn you a Full Share. If you want to receive a small share you can donate the remaining time toward our share a share fund or donations to the neighbors place.

Can I do a worker share for the Storage Share?   
We have a limited number of opportunity for this but are happy to discuss it.

Can I bring my child along?  
Generally No. We have upick and other times that are family friendly as well as volunteer opportunities for kids are parents together. We are working hard. The work is not geared for children – our own children are around but we pay for and provide their childcare.

Can I bring my dog out with me?   
No. No pets are allowed unless they are working dogs or working dogs in training. If you plan to bring a working dog please call to let us know.

What if I need to miss a shift because of vacation, illness or other conflict?   
You can make up your shift. You can do this by working a double shift or two shifts in one week. We will work out the details. If you know you will miss more than two shifts during the season, this may not be a good commitment for you.

Can I work evenings or weekends?   
No. We work with our employees on a regular schedule. Weekends and nights are our family times.

What if my schedule changes mid season?   
If you know your schedule will be changing mid season we can talk about it and plan accordingly. If your schedule changes unexpectedly mid season, we will work with it. In either case you will be able to switch to another shift that fits your schedule.

I am a teacher/student/homeschooling parent… and can only work during summer vacation, is this possible?   
Yes, but we only have a limited number of full day worker shares. You must call about these first. We can work with teachers to set up a 10 week calendar during June, July and August.

After looking at all of this I would like to do a worker share. What should I do next?Please answer these questions and e-mail them to Kat at info@stoneyacresfarm.net

1. After reading the Worker Share description,

         a. How do you think you will be an asset to the farm?

         b. Do you have any concerns about work, shifts etc?

2. What do you do? (employment, hobbies, volunteer work, etc)

3. What physical activities are part of your life?

4. Which shift would you like to work? Please list two or three possibilities, in order of preference. If only one shift will work for you, let me know.

Each year there are more people interested in participating as a worker share than we have the ability to accommodate. Thanks for taking the time to read the information and answer the questions. You will hear back from me shortly after I receive your e-mail.

Thank you,

Kat at Stoney Acres Farm