



Pig Shares 2011

Rootdown Pigs

Rootdown Organic Farm is excited to be raising 10 Tamworth pigs this year. Tamworths are an endangered heritage breed that is renowned for producing excellent bacon!

This year we will be selling whole or half pig shares to residents of Pemberton, Whistler, Squamish and Vancouver.

For more details see the next page. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us!

What is a Pig Share?

In a pig share customers, or "share holders", commit to purchasing a whole or half pig in the spring by making a deposit. The farmer can then put the deposit toward the cost of raising the pig. In the fall the remaining cost is paid when the pig is butchered and delivered. Share holders receive a variety of cuts including hams, chops, bacon, sausage and more.

This model strengthens connections between communities and farmers. Farmers benefit from financial support early in the season, while share holders benefit from connecting with a local farmer and receiving a year's supply of delicious, high quality, organic pork. This relationship allows share holders to learn more about the farm, how the animals are raised and where their food comes from!



Our Tamworth pigs, 2010

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Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Pick Up Location:

Pemberton Whistler

Vancouver Squamish

Pig Size:

Whole Half
\$300 deposit \$150 deposit

Send with deposit (payable to "Rootdown Organic Farm") to:

Rootdown Organic Farm
8425 Pemberton Meadows Road
Pemberton BC
V0N 2L2

When & where do I pick up my pig?

The pigs are usually slaughtered in early October and ready for delivery a couple weeks later (time is needed for butchering, curing and smoking the different cuts).

When they are ready the pigs will be delivered frozen to drop-off spots in Vancouver, Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton. We will keep you posted about the actual drop-off date and location, giving you plenty of notice to arrange to pick up your pig.

How are the pigs raised?

Our pigs are raised organically with no antibiotics. They eat certified organic grain and are raised on pasture where they can run around. The pigs are rotated to fresh pasture every two weeks where they have fresh grass to root around in.

Can I meet the pigs?

Yes! You're welcome to come to the farm to meet the pigs and see how they are raised. We ask that you call ahead to arrange a time, but we are more than happy for you to come for a visit.

How much pork is in a share?

A half pig share (1 side) is about enough pork for two adults for one year. Each share will receive a variety of cuts and cures including bacon, sausage, hams and pork chops. Because share holders are buying a half or whole pig, it is not possible to make substitutions (i.e. no you cannot have *all* bacon), you simply receive the cuts that come from the one or two pig sides.

How much does a pig share cost?

The final cost of the pig depends on the pig's "hanging weight". That is, the weight of the pig after it has been slaughtered and cleaned, but before it has been butchered into the different cuts. We estimate that the hanging weight of our pigs will be 130-160 lbs. (65-80 lbs. per side). We base the price on this weight and sell the pigs for \$6.50/lb. This is an average price that covers the cost of raising the pigs, butchering and curing fees, as well as transportation. It is also an average of the different cuts (e.g. bacon costs more per pound than pork chops). Note that local organic bacon and pork chops can sell for as much as \$16/lb. By buying a whole or half pig you will be saving almost \$10/lb.

We require a deposit at the beginning of the season and the remaining amount is due upon delivery. We will let you know ahead of time what the difference is. The deposits and estimated price ranges are:

Share Type	Deposit	Remaining Cost
Half pig (1 side)	\$150 (due Apr. 30)	\$270-370 (due fall 2011)
Whole pig (2 sides)	\$300 (due Apr. 30)	\$540-740 (due fall 2011)

How do I sign up?

Cut off the form below, fill it out and send it to us along with your deposit (non-refundable) by Apr. 30. Make cheques payable to "Rootdown Organic Farm". Once we receive your deposit we will notify you and confirm your share. Keep the top half of this page for your information.

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Complete front side of form and send with deposit
(payable to "Rootdown Organic Farm") by April 30.

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