

How the 2006 CSA “share” price compares to other food retailers in the area

During our first season, a volunteer took note of and weighed the weekly CSA “share” and went to 4 different food retailers in the area to find out how much the same quality and quantity of produce would cost elsewhere. While organic produce is virtually non-existent in Bedford-Stuyvesant, our volunteer compared the CSA share to non-organic produce at Met Foods on Marcus Garvey Avenue, and a mixture of organic and non-organic (depending on what was available at each store from week-to-week) at Foodtown on Fulton Street, Whole Foods and The Union Square Farmers Market.



In 2006, the TOTAL share from week-to-week would have cost the member these prices at other food retailers:**

CSA	\$400.00
Union Square Farmers Market	\$755.35
Whole Foods	\$650.22
MET Foods on Marcus Garvey	\$314.74
Foodtown on Fulton St.	\$426.56

***PLEASE NOTE: At most of the other food retailers, many of the CSA vegetables were not available. Especially at MET and Foodtown, prices were compared to NON-ORGANIC produce, which is generally less expensive. Oftentimes, the varieties available in the CSA share could not be found elsewhere and our volunteer would compare to “substitute produce.”*