Local Produce Box

What is it?
A Local Produce Box is a weekly delivery of fresh, healthy and affordable produce from a local farm or network of farms to a central community.

Members generally pay a week in advance for their “share” which usually includes 8-10 types of produce and feeds a family of 3-4.

Benefits
• Produce is high quality and more affordable than fresh produce available from grocers.
• Members can use food stamps to pay.
• Cooking demonstrations help educate on new food items and build community.
• Partners such as Greenmarket or Corbin Hill can provide staff and cover many operational costs.

Challenges
• The box contents are based on what the farmer grows; members may not be familiar with all produce items.
• Requirements include finding a space for a drop/pick-up site, staffing the site on pick up days and outreach.
• During colder months, selection can be limited.
• Payment in advance can be a challenge.