

## PA Preferred Member: Buckhill Farm

Buckhill Farm, located in Lititz, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, has been a family-owned farm for more than 60 years. The farm began in the 1940s when the current owner, Andrew Buckwalter's, grandfather purchased the land. The land was a testing ground for New Holland Machineries until they transformed it into a working farm. If you would have asked Buckwalter when he was growing up if he expected to run a farm – his response most likely would have been no. However, after attending college at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, and holding various jobs, he began to gain interest in organic food and farming, which led him to where he is today.

Buckhill Farm became a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) eight years ago, with only 15 memberships. Today their membership has grown to more than 200 members enjoying the bountiful harvest of Buckhill Farm in their own homes.

"We enjoy being a CSA farm," said Buckwalter. "I love to create a connection with the people I sell produce to."

Buckhill Farm is committed to good stewardship of the land through sustainable agricultural practices. The farm uses organic methods to grow their vegetables, control pests and keep the soil healthy.

"I enjoy educating consumers on local and organic foods," said Buckwalter. "It is important to me to be a part of the 'buy local' movements."

In the future, Buckhill Farm hopes to expand their organic market and create more opportunities to educate their consumers – both on and off the farm. For more information about Buckhill Farm or their CSA program, visit [www.buckhillfarm.net](http://www.buckhillfarm.net).