

Do you enjoy local, organic food that's been lovingly produced by hand?

Do you wish you were more connected to where your food came from?

Ever thought about quitting your job, cashing in your savings and following your dream of starting a sheep cheese dairy? Want to live vicariously through someone who has?

If yes, Garden Variety Cheese would like you to:

ADOPT A EWE

For \$500 you can cover the costs to feed and care for an organically raised dairy sheep during the off-season.

In return, you will receive \$600 worth of farm products from January to June of 2010.

You will also be the proud sponsor of a lovely individual animal and you and your family will be invited to visit your ewe and the ranch at private events. And you will have the satisfaction of helping a young entrepreneur fulfill their dream of a life on the land while supporting local organic food production.

Garden Variety Cheese is a small farmstead cheese business, based on 40 acres in Northern Monterey County. We began commercial milking and cheese production in March 2009 and started selling three varieties of raw sheep cheeses at Santa Cruz farmers markets in June 2009. Our sheep produce lovely, rich sweet milk that makes fabulous cheese. To ensure the health and well-being of the animals and the high quality of the milk and cheese from Garden Variety Cheese, the 100 milking ewes here at Monkeyflower Ranch are fed on organically raised, irrigated pasture and organic brewer's grain. Each ewe is named after a garden flower and treated with love and respect. Dairy sheep only produce milk for six months out of every year, and spend the dry season pregnant, fattening up for the milking season. By covering the costs to keep a ewe fed and cared for during this period when no milk is being produced, you can help to ensure the future production of more high-quality artisan cheeses. In return for your investment, you will receive delicious dividends when the ewes return to the milking parlor in the New Year.

The **LAMB PACKAGE** includes a whole lamb (\$300 value)

The **WOOL PACKAGE** includes a handmade natural wool comforter (\$300 value)

And all packages will include:

Jan-Mar: yogurt, ricotta, feta, extra-aged hard cheese (\$50 value per month)
for example: 1 qt. yogurt, 1 pt. ricotta, 1 lb. feta, and ¼ lb. Black-eyed Susan

Apr-June: hard cheeses, feta (\$50 value per month)
for example: 1 lb. feta, ¾ lb. Black-eyed Susan, ¾ lb. Moonflower

plus email updates and pictures of your ewe and invitations to special events at the farm!

The **ADOPT-A-EWE** box pick-ups will be twice monthly at four locations:

- Royal Oaks (at the farm)
- Santa Cruz
- San Francisco
- San Jose/Willow Glen

ADOPT A EWE

NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:		EMAIL:	
ADOPT-A-EWE PACKAGE: <i>(please circle one)</i>			
LAMB PACKAGE		WOOL PACKAGE	
PICK-UP LOCATION:			
Royal Oaks	Santa Cruz	San Francisco	San Jose
PAYMENT OPTION:			
One-time payment of \$500		Two payments of \$260 1. With order 2. December 31, 2009	

Please complete form and return with payment to:

Garden Variety Cheese, 1481 San Miguel Canyon Rd., Royal Oaks, CA 95076