

Norwich Meadows Farm – CSA Membership Agreement

This Community Supported Agriculture ("CSA") Agreement ("Agreement") governs the terms and conditions of the relationship between Norwich Meadows Farm ("the Farmer") and the CSA Member ("Member".)

1. Terms of the Agreement:

The terms of the Agreement between Member and Farmer are contained within this agreement. The Member receives a Full Share or Shares of produce for a number of weeks specified by their purchase and payment receipt.

2. Philosophy of this CSA:

A CSA is a direct partnership between the farm and its consumers. Typically, the consumer (or shareholder) pays the farm ahead of time in exchange for a 'share' or 'shares' in a bi-weekly box or boxes containing products from the farm. Prepayment to the farm, ensures that there is much needed incoming cashflow for seeds, equipment and labor throughout the off season. In exchange, the farm provides shareholders with a bi-weekly box of fruits and vegetables for a set number of weeks. Our winter CSA is bi-weekly, beginning the first week of January – there is a total of 10 pickups.

- **3. Farm Responsibility:** In accordance with the above described philosophy, the Farm works dutifully and in good faith to bring the Member the freshest produce possible.
- **4. Member Responsibilities** To receive the freshest produce possible from the Farm and with a recognition that your share(s) will be available to you as agreed upon, it is important that the Member pick up their share on their appointed day and time.
- **5. Abandoned Shares** If you do not pick up your share(s), within in the designated time period, it is our policy that any abandoned shares be redistributed by the CSA Coordinator.
- **6. Vacation Hold**: We do not offer vacation holds. If you a member will not be present to pick up a share, we encourage them to gift their share to their family or friends. This is a great way for members to share the CSA experience. Please explain to your family or friends how to pick up your share, the day and time of pick up.
- **7. Refunds**: Once the season begins, we do not offer refunds. Members may transfer their share(s) to a friend or family member. The farm does not get involved with the financial details of this and considers it to be a private matter.

8 Risk As stated above in Paragraph II, one aspect of a CSA is that Members support their Farmer. To do so, the Members share in the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season). Farmer purposefully plans for such contingencies and use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk to members and optimize the rewards: growing a wide variety of crops, cover copping, crop rotation and irrigation. In the extremely unlikely event that severe weather, disease/insect damage, or other natural disaster results in a level of crop destruction that prevents the farm from continuing its weekly distributions, Farmer will notify member immediately via e-mail and will communicate via e-mail frequently with the Member to ensure that the Member is apprised of any potential disruption to their service. Member assumes the risk should Farmer be unable to provide a portion of the Member's shares due to any inherent risk of farming.

9. Communication

If you need help, it is best to contact your CSA Coordinator. You can also reach the farm by emailing Orders@NorwichMeadowsFarm.com

I have read and agree to the above terms		
Name	_·	Date
Signature		