

Member Agreement for 2022

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We, the farm, wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

Section 1. Introducing Our CSA Farm

A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you as our customer. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become “members” of this CSA farm who receive a portion of the farm’s harvest. Our CSA runs for 21 weeks, from the weeks of May 22nd to October 9th. Members are responsible for receiving their share of produce at their door every Saturday morning/afternoon. We will work with you as best as we can to ensure that your ideal delivery time is met. You will generally receive enough vegetables, fruits, herbs, and cut flowers to provide for a household’s weekly needs. If you have a large household or have a household with a vegetarian/vegan diet, you may want to consider purchasing two shares. We will supply the approximate equivalent of 30\$ of value per week (\$630/season) with the expectation of even more value during peak season.

Detailed information regarding delivery is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

B. Our Growing Practices

The farm is not currently certified, but we are in the process of becoming USDA Certified Organic. All our current practices comply with USDA Organic guidelines. We are surrounded by ~10 acres of native tallgrass prairie. Not only does this make for a sustainable site for a farm, but it also provides substantial biodiversity to our farm. We are proud to provide you with the most ethical produce grown in the most natural setting possible so you can indulge with confidence.

C. The Products We Expect for 2022

The chart below outlines some of the vegetables, herbs, fruits, and cut flowers we hope to deliver and when you may see them in your share. We grow over 150 different varieties of produce on our farm, so there is a great deal of variety in our share- far too much to include here. This chart is based on a rough and broad estimate of some of our most popular produce, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

Terms such as “Summer fruits, Spring Greens, and Asian Greens” are broad terms used, for brevity, to describe several different kinds of popular and well-known kinds of produce. For further information, please look out for our newsletters or email us.

May & June	Spring Greens, Salad Greens, Dill & other Spring Herbs, Radishes, Sweet Alyssum, Asian Greens, & Poppies
July	~20 varieties of Cut Flowers, Root Veggies, Summer Greens, Early Summer Fruits, Summer Herbs
August	~30 varieties of cut flowers, Root veggies, Summer Greens, Late Summer Fruits, Summer Herbs
September & October	Late Summer Fruits, Sunchokes, Spring Greens, Salad Greens, Autumn Herbs, Radishes, Asian Greens, Summer Herbs, & Root Veggies

Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

A. Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce, however, may vary from season-to-season due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. By joining our CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other members. In the unlikely event of a crop failure, our procedure is as follows:

If only a small portion of crops fail, we compensate for the failed crops by filling your share with other crops grown on the farm that are ready for harvest at that time. We may cover for a crop loss by supplementing our boxes with locally sourced mushrooms, bread, coffee, cheese, or other products from small farms & businesses. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

Our farm is exclusively a CSA farm and all our production is planned for the CSA. When crops are especially abundant, we pack as much as possible into your share. However, we don't want to overwhelm our members or deliver so much produce that it goes to waste. When we feel that members have received enough of certain crops, we will handle the surplus by donating it to Foodnet or other local Food Banks.

Section 3. Delivery of Shares

Your share will be delivered to your door each Saturday at some time after 10am. This time will be coordinated between you and your farmer at the outset of the season. We ask that you try not to change your delivery time, if possible. We are happy to make accommodations within reason, but we do plan our routes between many customers so the movement of one customer's time cascades into others. We will be responsible for delivering your produce to you within two hours of harvest. To ensure the freshness of your produce, please be ready to receive your produce when we arrive. If you do not answer your door, we will try our best to keep your produce fresh by placing your box in a shady location (if available). If you have any special delivery instructions or other concerns with delivery, please don't

hesitate to reach out. Please ensure any changes to your delivery are made at least 24 hours ahead of your expected delivery.

We take the safety of your food seriously. We ensure that all produce has been trimmed and washed before delivery. All produce is delivered to your door within 2 hours of harvest for optimal freshness. Please be sure to refrigerate your produce immediately and do not leave your box unattended for more than 30 minutes. We are not responsible for loss of produce quality due to improper handling of our produce after delivery. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating.

Section 4. Member Fees

By selling membership in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your membership fees provide us with money to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment. We always hope to give you a return on your investment in our farm by providing produce at a lower cost than you could find it at the farmers market. We always strive to provide the best value possible to our members, so don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Section 5. Communicating with Us

Our email is saltslopefarm@gmail.com. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible. Please contact us with any news of the following: changes to your postal or email address, changes to your drop-site location, problems with your drop site, or dissatisfaction with your share.

We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your email from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. Every week, we will email a newsletter giving you information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas, and other farm related news.

By checking the box below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. I understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution from time to time. I understand that they will contact me via email in advance of any changes to this agreement.