

Hoppy Fields Farm 2020 CSA Membership Agreement

Joining a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program is a great way to get fresh, local, seasonal produce. At Hoppy Fields Farm we strive to make our CSA program a great experience for all of our members.

A CSA program is a method of local food distribution that allows farmers to connect directly with community members who want to purchase what they are growing. Individuals or families buy a 'share' of the farmer's harvest. In exchange, members receive weekly food boxes with fresh vegetables and herbs. By buying a share, you and your family receive fresh, local produce at an affordable price and the farmer receives a guaranteed income for the farm.

Before the beginning of each season (November-March), members purchase a share of our harvest for the season. Throughout the season (22-25 weeks) members receive weekly food boxes filled with delicious seasonal vegetables straight from the farm. The season will start the first week of June and run through until early-mid November depending on growing conditions. Pick up locations will be established once the shares have been sold in the spring, but we will do our best to make them as accessible as possible for all of our members.

As the season progresses, each weeks share will be a little different. We try to include a mix of staple and heirloom variety vegetables, along with some things that may be new to members. Eating in season and as part of a CSA has enormous rewards, but some things to consider about your weekly share include:

- The contents of shares will change as the season progresses.
- Your weekly share will likely be smaller at the beginning of the year and will be considerably larger in mid-to-late summer.
- The veggies and herbs you receive will be based on the farmer's plan and what is in season. The first few weeks may be very green, as this time of the year is best for delicious lettuces and greens. Hot weather crops, such as tomatoes, will not be in season until late July/early August depending on the weather.
- As a CSA member, you are purchasing a share of our harvest and sharing in some of the risks inherent in supporting a diversified mixed-crop farm. If weather, pests, or disease interfere with crops, some vegetables may only be available in smaller quantities or not at all. Of course, we do our best to mitigate potential problems but you should be aware that these things will affect our crop planning and could be reflected in your weekly share.

-The varieties of vegetables we grow are chosen for flavour, not shelf life. At the height of the season you may want to consider canning or freezing some of the veggies you receive in order to continue enjoying them through the winter.

Payment Options and Pick-up Responsibilities

You can pay for your share by cheque or email transfer, and payment is due in full at the time of purchase. If you wish to pay via email transfer, we can arrange this (password, etc) on an individual basis. If you are paying by cheque, they can be made out to:

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Email transfers can be sent to tj@hoppyfieldsfarm.com
We can send out a password to use for this.

A receipt can be sent by email if needed.

Once all shares have been sold, we will work with members to determine pick-up times and locations that work best for everyone. Members will be responsible for picking up their share, on time and at the agreed upon location, each week. If you cannot make the pick-up, please let us know at least 48hrs in advance and we will work with you to make other arrangements.

Disclaimer

There are enormous benefits to joining our CSA. However, joining a CSA means that you are sharing in the risks associated with investing in a share of a farm's harvest. If for whatever reason our harvest suffers because of external factors such as weather, pests, natural disasters or disease, this will affect your weekly food box. Acknowledging this risk is important before you invest and buy a share.

Refunds

We stand behind our products and the CSA program we offer. If you change your mind about being a CSA member before the season begins, we will charge a \$20 fee but refund you in full. During the season (June-November), if you are unhappy with what

you are receiving each week we will do our best to make accommodations, but no refunds will be given.

I, _____, understand the risks and rewards of joining the Hoppy Fields Farm CSA program and I agree to the conditions outlined in this membership agreement.

Thank you, and we look forward to providing you with the best food we can!

Thomas Radcliffe