



*Fresh produce from New York's famous Black Dirt
In transition to organic*

Winter CSA Member Agreement for 2016/17

Sun Sprout Farm
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Chester, NY 10918

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Member contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

We at Sun Sprout Farm wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. The following CSA member agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

1. 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, you become a “member” of our farm who receives a portion of the farm’s harvest. Members of our winter CSA receive a farm share once a month from December through February. The share contains different storage vegetables such as winter squash, garlic, potatoes, beets, carrots, onions, celeriac and cabbage from our farm. We are committed to providing you with healthy, fresh and sustainable produce in order to foster a greater connection between consumers and the farm where their food is grown. We are proud to be using our ten years of growing experience to build healthy soils and healthy communities around us.

2. Our Growing Practices

Sun Sprout Farm is in transition to organic certification by the USDA. We use exclusively organic growing practices. Our land has previously been used to produce conventional crops until 2014 and cannot become certified organic until the end of the 2017 growing season. During this transition period we will continue to follow all organic certification practices. We are committed to these practices because we feel that they help to ensure the health of both our farm workers and consumers now and for generations to come. For more information about organic production and the transition period to get there please ask. We’d be happy to tell you more about it.

3. Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure

Farming is one of the few remaining industries that is still beholden to the whims of mother nature. While we attempt to grow a wide variety of crops that will thrive in a variety of climates, extreme weather conditions (i.e. constant heavy rain, hail, frost) can affect crop production and damage produce. We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week and our crop plan includes overage for unexpected events. The quantity of produce, however, may vary from week-to-week due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors beyond our control. As a member of our CSA you are agreeing to share the joys of a bountiful harvest as well as 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. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

4. We give our CSA members top priority

In addition to our CSA, our farm also sells at/to farmers markets, restaurants and natural food stores. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA share with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold at/to our other sales outlets.

5. Drop site rules

1. Your share will be prepackaged and ready for pickup during each drop off sites hours.
2. Your share needs to be picked up within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
3. Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.
4. Follow additional rules posted at your drop site.

If you cannot pick-up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to the local food bank.

6. Membership Fees & CSA Locations

By selling memberships 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 seeds and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment. Please check the box for your desired pick up location below. The CSA membership fee is due by November 15st. Please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Sun Sprout Farm with this signed agreement form and send it to:

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Chester, NY 10918

In an attempt to make CSA membership available to everyone, we do offer the option of a payment plan upon request.

By submitting this agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated below.

All payments are non-refundable.

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| | Chester \$180 for a once a month share from December through February | 168 Meadow Ave Chester, NY 10918 |
| | Stamford/ New Canaan (first Wednesday of the month) \$180 for a once a month share from December through February | 56 Broad Brook Lane Stamford, CT 06907 4pm- 6:30pm |
| | Hastings on Hudson (Saturdays at the first market of the month) \$180 for a once a month share from December through February | 7 Maple Ave Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706 8:30am – 1:30pm |

7. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email: info@sunsproutfarm.com. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend most of our time in the field growing your food and not at our desk. 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 for our CSA, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your emails from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events. You will receive a weekly newsletter from us during the CSA season to give you information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas and other farm related news. By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 6.

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____