



2017 CSA Membership Agreement

What Is A CSA?

Over the last 20 or more years, Community Supported Agriculture has grown in popularity as a way to more closely connect with local farmers in order to buy seasonal produce or humanely-raised meats. The basics are simple; We offer a certain number of "shares" to the general public, typically consisting of a set amount of meat, available for pick-up at the farm or designated pick-up location each month. Each person or family who signs up becomes a "member" of the CSA and helps to offset the upfront and subsequent costs throughout the upcoming season. CSA membership is a great way to support a local farm, while also learning about different farming practices, animal breeds, and even new recipes using food you may or may not be used to using!

About The Share And Our Farm

Ham Sweet Farm is proud to announce our fourth season offering a high-quality, value-oriented Meat CSA to people in and around Mid-Michigan. We strive to keep our farm community-focused, and "beyond organic." We're proud to support a local, organic family farm raising and milling grains, as well as many other local small farms and businesses with our farm purchases.

We offer pastured pork & poultry raised on our 30-acre farmstead in Williamston. We have also partnered with local family farms to expand our offerings and availability— Jennings Farm Organic Beef, Schneider Organic Beef, Fence Row Farm Grassfed Lamb and Zatkovich Pastures Chicken. By partnering with other farms, we can focus on our strong suits while helping to support other small farms who are raising some seriously delicious meat in sustainable ways.

CSA Share Policies

Picking Up Your Share

Our CSA runs for a total of 9 months, from March through November. Pick-up will occur on the first Sunday of each month during a set time at the farm, OR, on an arranged date and time in Lansing [TBD as Kate will be on maternity leave starting in February!] or Southfield [Christian's office]. You will receive an assortment of meats for the month, with the selection determined by season, availability and your share size.. ***With limited time to attend to farm and personal matters, as well as continually changing freezer space, it is expected that our members pick up on-time and each month.*** In the event that you cannot pick up your share at the arranged time, ***please*** contact Kate or Christian ahead of time to make alternate arrangements.

We understand that life happens and will do our best to accommodate, however, unless other arrangements have been made with Ham Sweet Farm, if a share is not picked up for more than one month, the share contents may be forfeited back to Ham Sweet Farm without refund.

Pick-up Details:

- **First Sunday of every month between the hours of 11am - 3pm, at Ham Sweet Farm, 357 Holt Rd., Williamston 48895.**
- **Pick-up may also occur in Lansing at Kate's office, pending scheduling and maternity leave. Details TBD. 2929 Covington Court, Suite 100, Lansing**
- **Pick-up may also occur at Christian's office in Southfield, scheduled as needed. 25200 Telegraph Rd # 5, Southfield, MI 48033**

Share Contents

Ham Sweet Farm takes all measures possible to ensure the health and safety of our animals, but there are no guarantees. At the core of CSA is the idea that members support their farmer by sharing in the inherent risks of agriculture (poor weather, disease, predation and so on). Ham Sweet Farm will work in good faith to fulfill each month's share, but we can provide no guarantees as to animal and cut make-up of each monthly share.

Be an active participant

We encourage all of our members to be active participants throughout the course of the CSA season. You can do this by emailing us suggestions or concerns, coming out to help with the farm work and even offering up any hints, tricks or recipes to the other members. We need your feedback and suggestions to continue to improve, so we encourage you to email us at meatcsa@hamsweetfarm.com at any time. Farm tours are also available, but must be scheduled ahead of time with Kate or Christian.

Payment

We accept all forms of payment at the farm, however credit cards will incur a service charge of 4% to cover the fees assessed by the various card companies. Payment can occur either upfront or over the course of two payments, a **50% deposit by March 1st and the remaining 50% by June 1st**. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a payment plan at this time, but please contact us with any questions or concerns around payment of the share.

Pricing

We currently offer 3 different size shares to meet your needs, with a few additional add-on options if you'd like more of something each month. Below are the sizes and pricing options, with an example of what a share may look like each month.

Small (5- 7 lbs) - \$495.00 (\$55.00/mo)

- 3 lb Chicken
- 2 lb Pork Chops
- 1 lb Beef Patties
- 1 lb Brats

Medium (7-10 lbs) - \$720.00 (\$80.00/mo)

- 3 lb Chicken
- 2 lb Smoked Hocks
- 1 lb Beef Tenderloin
- 2 lb Beef Patties
- 1 lb Brats

Large (10-12 lbs) - \$855.00 (\$95.00/mo)

- 3 lb Chicken
- 2 lb Ham Steak
- 1 lb Smoked Hocks
- 3 lb Brisket
- 1 lb Beef Patties
- 1 lb Brats

Add-Ons (to be received in addition to your share, each month, for the duration of the season)
1lb Bacon \$108.00

**If you are interested in a different monthly add-on option, please contact us.

Application Form

Please complete this contract and send back, with payment, to:
Ham Sweet Farm
357 Holt Rd.
Williamston, MI 48895

We encourage you to print & save a copy for your records as well.

Contact Information:

Member Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

** email will be our main form of communication for CSA information, changes and events. We will not share any email addresses or information with 3rd parties.*

Share Size:

- Small - \$495.00 (\$55.00/mo)
- Medium - \$720.00 (\$80.00/mo)
- Large - \$855.00 (\$95.00/mo)

Add Ons:

- 1lb Bacon - \$108.00

Payment:

- Full
- 50% Deposit

Pick Up:

- I prefer to pick up from Ham Sweet Farm, 357 Holt Rd., Williamston 49985 on the first Sunday of the month, between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm.
- I prefer to pick up from Kate's office located at 2929 Covington Court Suite 100, Lansing 48912 [pending availability].
- I prefer to pick up from Christian's office at 25200 Telegraph Rd # 5, Southfield, MI 48033.

Signature: _____ **Date:** ___ / ___ / ___