# Just Farmin' CSA Member Agreement 2018 Fall/Winter CSA

## **Member Agreement for 2018**

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# 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 Fall/Winter CSA will consist of 10 pickups. Our plan is to have a weekly pickup until such time the produce growing season slows down and then switch to an every other week pickup. Now this is subject to change if we have a mild fall going up to December. You, the Member, are responsible for showing up at the designated pickup site each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive your share of vegetables, equivalent to one grocery bag of produce, with two bags during peak season. Detailed information regarding pick-up is discussed below in Section 3. Variety and quantity may vary as described below in Section 2.

## **B.** Our Growing Practices

Our mission is to only grow natural produce in the purest form so that health conscience people can eat what we produce and feel safe. Our produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or GMO seeds. We utilize Heirloom verities when practical; in some cases we use Hybrid verities to combat plant viruses/disease. Our fresh free-range pastured chickens are managed in a humane and holistic manner to bring you the freshest and finest tasting eggs that our customers will eat. We are committed to the physical and psychological health of our chickens. We produce our eggs with non-GMO grain and is Soy Free. We believe proper animal welfare increases our farm's productivity and profitability. For more information about production practices please ask. We'd be happy to tell you more."

#### **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 week-to-week/month-to-month 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. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks. We may cover for a crop loss by buying in from other local farmers with the same growing practices as ours. If this should occur, the CSA members will be notified that the produce was not grown by Just Farmin'.

Just Farmin' does everything in its power to insure that we do not have a crop failure. Our sustainable practices with the aid of drip irrigation will help insure harvest success.

## B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

Our farm production is planned for the CSA. In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers markets and restaurants. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product. 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. We may experiment with new varieties of vegetables, herbs, or flowers so that we can increase diversity. These crops will be distributed as equitably as possible but all members of the CSA may not receive all items/all CSA members will receive a small sample of these varieties.

#### C. Here is what a one size share looks like:

The Just Farmin' Fall/Winter CSA will be a hybrid CSA pickup. Our intention is to maintain the market style pickup until such time that we do not have enough variety choice for our members and then we will switch to a prepackaged box/bag for pickup. Once we switch to the box style pickup, Every member will get the same produce in their box. ALL MEMBERS WILL NOT GET TO CHOOSE WHAT COMES IN THEIR BOX. It is the shareholders responsibility to choose the vegetables available at pickup that will make up their weekly share.

#### Each full share will consist of 8 Credits

Each produce selection will count as 1 credit for a total of 8 credits a pickup:

#### Example of what a credit looks like;

A **Bag** of vegetable = 1 credit

A **Bunch** of vegetable = 1 credit

A **Quart** or **Pint of Specialty** vegetable = 1 credit

Individual vegetables (Sweet Corn, Squash, Cucumbers, Eggplant, etc.: the stated count will count as 1 credit.)

Share size generally includes 8 to 14 vegetable items to choose from. If you are a large family eating a primarily vegetarian or especially a vegan diet, you might consider ordering more than one full share, and if you are a small family, you may want to consider splitting the share with a friend or neighbor.

#### D. How it works:

Fall/Winter shareholders start each pickup with 8 credits.

As stated above, each produce selection = 1 Credit

You will be allowed if quantity is available, to be able to use your credits for more than one of the same item. Let's say you can't stand Eggplant or OKRA but have always taken it in the past just because you feel that you should take it since you paid for it anyway. Now, you don't need to pick the Eggplant or OKRA, you can use that credit for an extra quart of Tomatoes, heck if your going to make salsa that week and the quantity is available, you could use all 8 of your credits for 8 quarts of tomatoes.

Limited quantities – There will be times that you will be only limited to one or two vegetable items due to my inability to judge ahead on quantity needed or mother nature. In that event we will limit the credit to one item of that vegetable.

In the case that you have used your 8 credits and you want another selection of produce, you are allowed to purchase that item at that time. You don't have to wait until the Saturday Farmers Market to purchase it.

*Fall/Winter CSA Change in policy on missed pickups.* If you miss a pickup, there will be no credit carry over for the Fall/Winter CSA Share for that pickup.

The system is designed to meet your demands with minimal waste generated for the share holder. It's our goal to produce vegetables that our share holders will enjoy during the week. This system puts the owness on us to produce enough of each variety to meet the demands of the share holder.

## E. Benefits to a CSA Membership include:

- Home grown produce without the work.
- Regular pick ups of high quality, locally grown produce.
- Produce picked & delivered fresh at the peak of flavor & nutrient value, the healthiest option.
- An opportunity to try a variety of produce with instructions on storage and ideas on preparation.
- Pre-purchase of produce locks in food costs, early purchase can qualify for a discount.
- An opportunity to connect with the farm.
- An opportunity to participate in an ecologically conscience agricultural program.
- Helping our local economy by supporting a small, family owned farm business

## F. What you should expect with a Fall/Winter Share

Your first pickup will be **October 13, 2018** and every Saturday until such time that we switch to the biweekly pickup.

Produce we expect to have for the 2018 Fall/Winter Share. The first few pickups will consist of the balance of summer produce and then will transition into the fall/winter produce.

**Root Crops** 

Radish Salad Turnips Purple Top Turnips

Beets Carrots Onions

Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Green Onions

**Specialty** 

Broccoli Raab Pea's Brussels Sprouts

Winter Squash

Butternut Acorn Spaghetti Dicatti Pumpkin Butter Cup

Greens

Asian Greens Arugula Wasabi Arugula

CilantroDillBasilSpinachSalad MixKaleCollardsSwiss ChardMustard

# Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from Liberty Farm Market.

City or Neighborhood	Address	Day	Time
Liberty Farm Market	5850 Princeton Rd. Liberty Township 45011	Saturday	Market Style 10 – 1 During weekly pickups.
			BI-Weekly Boxed 10 - 6

You are responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

- 1. Bring your own bag(s).
- 2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we produce high-quality produce, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.

3. Be respectful of Liberty Farm Market property.

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. (As stated above, there will be no credit carry over's for the Fall/Winter CSA.)

We take the safety of your food seriously. Some produce is hydro cooled before packing. All other produce is not washed before you receive it. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating.

# Only return the next 2 pages with your payment.

## **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. Place a check mark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION	Share Type	Share Size		
2018 Fall/Winter CSA – Cash/Check	Full	Full	\$300.00	
2018 Fall/Winter CSA – Credit Card (process fee added)	Full	Full	\$308.25	
Total Amount Due: (add up your selections)				

Please enclose a check for your total amount due, **made payable to Steve and Barb Willis** with this signed agreement form. Please notify us if you wish to pay the membership fee with a credit card (2.75% service charge will be added). By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above.

All payments are non-refundable after October 31, 2018.

## Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is williscrg@aol.com and the best times to reach us by phone is after 5pm and before 9pm. Our phone number is 513-238-9795. 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, problems with pick up, 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 an update giving you information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.

By signing 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.

Name (please print):	Date:		
Signature:			
Member Contact Information:			
Name:			
Address:			
City, State:			
ZIP:			
Phone Number:			
Email:			
Would you like weekly Text Alert Reminder on the Friday	Pickup?	Yes	No
If you choose Yes, please make sure the Phone Number about ogo to.	ove is the co	ell phone	you want the text
Check Payment: Make check Payable to and Mail to:			
Steve & Barb Willis 6887 Devon Drive Liberty Township, Ohio 45044			

Credit Card Payment: Call Steve at 513-238-9795