2022 CSA Member Agreement

Thank you for your interest in the 2022 New Roots Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program! Prospective members should read through this agreement prior to purchase in order to determine whether the terms of our CSA model are the right fit for you, your lifestyle, and your schedule.

The purpose of this contract is to set clear expectations for you as a customer, address common questions, and decrease the liability for our program and our farmers.

Is a CSA right for me?

A CSA is a business model that allows you as a consumer and New Roots farmers to share both the risks and benefits involved with growing food. Traditionally, the CSA member purchases a set amount of the farmer’s harvest in advance at the beginning of the season, and in return receives local produce every week of the growing season. By making a monetary commitment early on, the CSA member enables the farmer to buy seeds, materials and other tools at the beginning of the season and ensures that the farmer has a reliable market for their crops throughout the year.

Participation in a CSA has a number of benefits:

- Receive fresh, seasonal and healthy vegetables from a farmer that you’ll come to know and trust.
- By cutting out the middle man (or grocery store) between yourself and a farmer, you are putting money directly into the pockets of growers and supporting the local economy.
- Buying produce from a local farm promotes environmental stewardship because you are investing in farm operations that practice sustainable growing practices and you reduce the travel footprint of your food.
- Participating in a CSA saves you time – each week, you get to take produce off of your shopping list and receive a variety of hand-picked vegetables from a convenient pick-up location.

The 2022 New Roots CSA runs for 18 weeks from June 29 to October 26, 2022. As a shareholder in the farmers’ harvest, there are two share options to choose from. Full shares are good for families of 4 or more who cook at home most nights of the week. Half shares are sufficient for 2-4 people who cook the majority of their meals. You can pick up your share on Wednesday afternoons from 3 locations (see ‘Distribution Information’).

18 Weekly Farm Box Deliveries

June 29 to October 26, 2022

Full Share (feeds 4-6) | $630 at $35 per week (Feeds 4-6)
Half Share (feeds 2-3) | $360 at $20 per week (Feeds 2-4)

Our Produce

All of the produce in your share is grown using strict organic growing practices. This means we do not use any synthetic inputs and that we manage pests and weeds through fabric row cover and hand-
powered tools. Due to the unique nature of our program, with several farmers growing for the CSA, we have chosen not to participate in the National Organic Certification Program.

Each week, you can expect to receive **6-10 different items** in your share. Full share members may receive items that half share members don’t, and/or receive greater amounts of the same items in order to reach the higher value per box. The produce we grow can be loosely grouped into leafy greens (eg spinach, arugula, kale, chard, amaranth), root vegetables (eg carrots, beets, radish) and specialty crops (eg tomatoes, green beans, cucumber, summer squash, peppers, and more).

You may not recognize some of the vegetables you receive in your shares, such as African eggplant or amaranth. Our CSA is a good fit for adventurous eaters, as we like to periodically include crops grown in the home countries of the farm program participants. All we need from you is an open mind – we will provide the recipes that you need to make a delicious meal with any of these unfamiliar items. At times, we may also include fruit or produce from other local farms.

Keep in mind that we crop plan with the intention of providing you with a balance of leafy greens, root vegetables and specialty crops each week. However, there is always the possibility of weather or other circumstances that impact our ability to grow the variety and quantity that we intend to. **As a member of the New Roots CSA, you understand these limitations and share this risk for the duration of the season.**

Please note that we may not wash all of the produce included in your share, and it is the member’s responsibility to wash all items received in their share each week prior to consumption.

**Communication**

The majority of communication during the CSA season will occur through our weekly newsletter, which will be sent out by the Monday prior to your Wednesday pick-up. The newsletter will contain a projected harvest list including information about what to expect in your share the following week. You can also anticipate recipes that showcase the produce that week, as well as information about New Roots farmers and IRC programming. If there are any last-minute changes to the vegetables going into your CSA share, we will acknowledge those changes by providing an updated harvest list in the following newsletter. In farming, there is always the possibility of misestimations, bumper harvests or shortages, and other unforeseen circumstances that lead to last minute changes.

Other than email, you may receive texts from your site leader during the second half of the pick-up window reminding you to claim your share if you have not yet done so. We also recommend that you follow us on Instagram @newrootsslc to stay up to date about what’s happening at the farm.

Members can reply directly to the newsletter or email Elise Watt at elise.watt@rescue.org with any CSA-related inquiries.

**Add-ons**

**Egg Share**
New Roots is offering weekly or bi-weekly egg share add-ons from Roots Charter High School, a farm-based school located in West Valley. Egg shares must be purchased separately before the season begins. A weekly egg share is $6/week for 18 weeks, for a total one-time cost of $108.00. A bi-weekly egg share is $6/week for 9 weeks, for a total one-time cost of $54.00. You can purchase an egg share on our Square store: https://international-rescue-committee.square.site/

Refunds or Cancellations

Keep in mind that we crop plan with the intention of providing you with a balance of leafy greens, root vegetables and specialty crops each week, but there is always the possibility of weather or other circumstances that impact our ability to grow the variety and quantity that we intend to. As a member of the New Roots CSA, you understand these limitations and share this risk for the duration of the season. When you assume this risk by signing this agreement, you forfeit the ability to get a refund or cancel your share.

Payment Information

Online Payments

You can pay for your CSA share in one transaction or as three separate installments. There is a 3% processing fee when you pay online.

If you decide to pay in installments, all three installments must be made by June 1st, 2022. You will make your first 1/3 installment through our Square site. New Roots will directly invoice you for the remaining two payments at equal intervals between the date of your initial purchase and the payment deadline. For example, if you pay your first installment on April 1st, you will receive an invoice on May 1st for your second payment and the final invoice on June 1st.

A one-time payment for a full share is $630 ($649.00 when paid online). Full shares paid in installments will amount to three $210 payments ($217.00 when paid online).

A one-time payment for a half share is $360.00 ($371.00 when paid online). Half shares paid in installments will amount to three $120 payments ($124.00 when paid online).

Online payments can be made here: https://international-rescue-committee.square.site/

Payments by Check

For payments made by check, please make your checks out to "International Rescue Committee" with the memo "New Roots CSA" and which installment it is (if it's your first of three payments, write "New Roots CSA Payment #1"). Mail all checks to:

International Rescue Committee
ATTN: New Roots CSA
Payment must be made in full by June 1st, 2022. If you fail to complete your payments on time, your place may be forfeited to someone on the waitlist. If you are mailing a check, please plan to have it arrive by the due date.

If you are interested in paying with EBT/Snap Funds, please see the ‘SNAP members’ tab on our website. Due to the unique requirements of EBT programming, SNAP members have a separate membership agreement and payment structure.

**Distribution Information**

CSA pick-up will occur between 4:30 and 7:00pm on Wednesday afternoons starting June 29th and continuing through October 26th. Half shares will be packed into green, biodegradable plastic bags and full shares into brown paper bags. If you bring a reusable bag, you can transfer your produce from the provided bag into your own and we will reuse any biodegradable plastic bags that are returned. Please bring a reusable bag regardless if you plan on buying additional produce from the IRC and Redwood farmers markets, which run concurrently to CSA pick-ups at those locations. Please refer to your pick-up location below for more information:

**IRC Office**

Address: 221 South 400 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110  
Site leader: Mariah Leick Cell: (801) 547-7202  
This will be a staffed pick-up site. You will tell staff your name upon arrival in order to receive your share.

**Redwood Farm**

Address: 3005 Lester St, West Valley City, UT 84119  
Site leader: Margot Draeger. Cell: (385) 405-6241  
This will be a staffed pick-up site. You will pay staff for your share upon arrival in order to receive your produce.

**Wheadon Farm**

Address: 310 13800 S, Draper, UT 84020  
Site leader: Elise Watt. Cell: (801) 641-3217  
This is an unstaffed pick-up site. Shares will be put in plastic totes under the wash station to the left of the orange trailer. Instructions will be provided on a whiteboard. We ask that you please check off your name on the pick-up sheet when you pick up your share. If you have any trouble accessing your share, contact the site leader.

**Absences & Missed Pick-Ups**
We are not offering pro-rated shares for absences. If you are going out of town between June 16 to October 27, 2021, we recommend that you gift your share to a friend. You do not need to let us know if someone will be picking up a share in lieu of you. They can just say your name at the time of pick-up. If you know you will be absent and do not wish to gift your share to a friend, you can email Elise at Elise.Watt@Rescue.org ahead of time or text your pick-up site leader day-of and New Roots will donate your share to a family in need.

We cannot wait for you if you forget or are otherwise unable to pick up your share at the designated time. For IRC and Redwood Farm members, the site leader will send a reminder text to the number you provide if you have not shown up to pick up your share by 6:30 (30 minutes before the pick-up window closes). All unclaimed shares will be donated to a family in need.

By signing below, you are confirming that you have read and understand the entire agreement and that you accept the conditions of your CSA membership. Please confirm with a check mark:

- I understand that New Roots farmers are buying seed, planting, tending and harvesting a portion of the farm using my monetary investment, and there are no refunds or cancellations.
- I understand it is my responsibility to either pick up my share or arrange for someone else to pick up my share during the designated time.
- I understand that that New Roots cannot keep my share for me if I am unable to come during the pick-up window.