

# Chewy's Backyard Farm Summer 2021 CSA Member Agreement

We, Chewy's Backyard Farm, wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitments to that relationship.

## 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 Summer CSA runs for 20 of weeks, from April 25, to September 11, 2021.** Members are responsible for showing up at either the farm or one of the pick-up sites each week or every other week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive approximately 5 or 10 pounds of vegetables and fruits depending on share size, equivalent to 1-2 grocery bags of produce. 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

The farm is not currently certified organic. Organic produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. We do our best to use natural practices to ward off bugs and to keep our plants fed. From time to time it is necessary to spray for bugs. In those instances, we use only organically certified products, for example, neem oil. If you have any questions about our practices, we would love to tell you about them.

### C. The Products We Expect for Spring/Summer 2021

The chart below outlines some of the produce we hope to deliver and when you may see them in your share. This chart is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

Month	Expected Crops
April & May	Peas, broccoli, cabbage, radishes, kale, lettuce, swiss chard, onions, baby choy, lettuce, microgreens, herbs
June	Squash, beans, okra, cucumbers, onions (late), radishes, swiss chard, lettuce, microgreens, herbs **possibly eggplant, tomatoes and peppers, but no guarantee.
July	Tomatoes, peppers, squash, beans, eggplant, okra, eggplant, watermelon, radishes, cucumbers, lettuce, microgreens, herbs
August	Tomatoes, peppers, squash, beans, eggplant, okra, watermelon, radishes, lettuce, microgreens, herbs
September	Tomatoes, peppers, radishes, squash, beans, eggplant, okra, lettuce, microgreens, herbs

#### D. Add-ons

As a member of our CSA you will have opportunities throughout the spring and summer to include value added items to your CSA subscription. This includes jams, jellies, honey (on occasion), breads and dried herbs. These items can be added on by purchasing through our [webstore](#).

CSA customers have access to our online webstore which will features add-ons, such as extra cucumbers, tomatoes, or green beans if you are canning. Items in the webstore will be subject to availability and will depend on the season. The store is updated weekly on Wednesdays to allow add-on to be available for Saturday pickups.

## 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 slightly from week-to-week 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.

### B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers markets and wholesale distributors. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA share with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets.

## Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week or every other week from your designated drop site. Place a check mark next to the drop site you would like to use from the list below.

Location	Address	Day	Time
Dallas Farmers Market	160 Confederate Ave Dallas, GA 30132	Saturdays	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ridge Ferry Park Farmers Market	363 Riverside Pkwy NE, Rome, GA 30161	Saturdays	7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Chewy's Backyard Farm	340 Wray Road Buchanan, GA 30113	Mondays and Wednesdays	3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

- Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
- Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.
- Follow additional rules posted at your drop site regarding parking/use of certain entrances/boxes.

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.

If you wish to change your drop site, you must email or call the farm at least 48 hours before your normally scheduled pick up day. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be sold at the farmers market.

We take the safety of your food seriously. Chewy's Backyard Farm follows the food handling safety guidelines required by Georgia Department of Agriculture Cottage Food License. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible.

## 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. Below you will find a list of the share and payment options for Summer 2021.

Share Option	Cost	Weight	Heads of Lettuce	Duration	Pick Up Frequency
Full Share	\$ 600	~10 lbs	2	20 weeks	Weekly
Half Share Option A	\$ 300	~10 lbs	1	10 weeks	Bi-weekly
Half Share Option B	\$ 300	~5 lbs	1	20 weeks	Weekly

## Payment Options

- Pay the whole season all at once (due April 16)
- 2 Installments (payment due dates April 16 and July 2)
- 4 Installments (payment due dates April 16, May 28, July 2 and August 6)

## SNAP/EBT Customers

We are committed to ensuring that every customer, no matter their economic situation, can be part of our CSA. As a result, we worked with the USDA to become a SNAP/EBT approved farm. This means you can use your SNAP/EBT benefits to be part of the CSA. We are also partners with Wholesome Wave Georgia's Georgia Fresh For Less program. This program supports our farm by matching the SNAP benefits you spend at our farm dollar-for-dollar on fruits and vegetables.

With the Georgia Fresh For Less discount, you can use your SNAP benefits to purchase a CSA share at a 50% discount. Using SNAP benefits:

- A Full Share (\$600 value) costs \$300
- A Half Share (\$300 value) costs \$150

To comply with USDA Guidelines, SNAP/EBT customers can only use their benefits to buy items that will be consumed within one month of purchase, therefore, SNAP/EBT customers will make monthly payments on their CSA share. An initial payment will be due on April 16, as stated above. Then all subsequent payment due dates will be based on the date provided by the customer each month. The payment schedule is as follows:

Month	Full Share Amount SNAP Benefits Due	Full Share Amount Matched by GF4L	Half Share Amount SNAP Benefits Due	Full Share Amount Matched by GF4L
April 16, 2021	15.00	15.00	7.50	7.50
May	60.00	60.00	30.00	30.00
June	60.00	60.00	30.00	30.00
July	75.00	75.00	37.50	37.50
August	60.00	60.00	30.00	30.00
September	30.00	30.00	15.00	15.00

All SNAP/EBT customers need to provide the date their benefits become available each month when signing up for the CSA. All SNAP/EBT customers will be responsible for notifying Chewy's Backyard Farm of changes to their benefits

## Section 5. Visiting the Farm

We are a small farm; it is just Dave and Katie who run it. So, because we do not have the staff, please email us ahead of time so we know you are coming! Remember that you are visiting a working farm. Proper attire should be worn at all times including shirts and shoes. Closed toed shoes, layered clothing, hats and sun block are some of the items that you may want to consider when preparing for your visit. Please also note that our farm grounds consist of dirt, gravel and grass – there may be dust or mud depending on recent weather.

Please note that we are a working farm and by visiting our farm, you acknowledge that a person who observes or participates in an activity on this property assumes the risks inherent in the activity. Risks inherent in the activity may include conditions on the land, the ordinary dangers associated with equipment used in farming operations, and the potential that a participant in the activity may act in a negligent way that may contribute to injury or death. The agricultural provider is not liable for the injury or death of a person involved in an activity resulting from those inherent risks.

## Section 6. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is [chewysbackyardfarm@gmail.com](mailto:chewysbackyardfarm@gmail.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, 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.

By acknowledging this agreement, 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.