

# McConnells' Farm & Market 2023 CSA Agreement

## Member Contact Information:

Were you a CSA Member during 2022 Season? Yes \_\_\_ or No \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I agree to purchase membership in the CSA. I agree that I must pick-up my allotments in accordance with the schedule (my choice of either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on designated weeks) in this agreement. I also understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution, but only in an extreme circumstance. In the event of a catastrophic peach crop failure, the farm reserves the right remain to offer a full or partial refund. I understand that I will be contacted via email and telephone in advance of any changes to this agreement.

Please check one – Plan A (Weekly): \_\_\_\_\_ (\$360) -or- Plan B (Every Other Week): \_\_\_\_\_ (\$252)

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail completed and signed form and check (made payable to *McConnells' Farm*) to:**

McConnells' Farm & Market  
**ATTN: CSA**  
294 New Bethlehem Church Road  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

All CSA Agreements and accompanying payments are due no later than April 29, 2023.

Contact info:

[info@mcconnells-farm.com](mailto:info@mcconnells-farm.com)

(724) 375-9568 (during the season)

We'll send a reminder email at the beginning of the season to remind you of your first pick-up. Thank you for supporting us throughout our season and we look forward to seeing you this year!

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For 2023 we are accepting reservations for our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) agreement.

- To summarize, you support us throughout the season and in turn we will offer you our finest fruits and vegetables at a discount, as well as reserve produce if certain items are in short supply, offer a wider selection, and provide deals on non-CSA items.
- You'll receive a 10 % discount on your allotment as well as be eligible for additional discounts which often are worth several dollars per pick-up (last year we offered \$5.00 off Honeycrisp Apples by the peck, wholesale pricing on peaches, \$1.00 off QTs of tomatoes and watermelons).
- When appropriate, we'll reserve produce that is scarce in order to ensure CSA members have an opportunity for purchase, and we always strive to have our best selection on CSA pick-up days.
- Any pick-your-own produce (e.g. blueberries) available during the week can count as part of your allotment. We've offered P-Y-O apples during our farm tour the last two years as well.
- We will only accept a maximum of 80 Plan A and 80 Plan B members this year, so don't wait to join. We'll announce on Facebook and via email if we are nearing those numbers.

## Our Two CSA Plans:

### Plan A (Weekly Pick-Up):

- You pay \$360 prior to the season (you pay \$22.50/week for sixteen weeks for \$25 worth of fresh fruits, vegetables and other groceries in the market barn). We expect to be open for eighteen weeks, so you can skip two pick-ups whenever it is convenient for you.
- Each week, on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (from the first full week in July (4, 5 or 6 July 2023) to the first week of November (October 31, 2 or 3 November 2023)), you'll be able to select \$22.50 worth of fresh fruits and vegetables or other food items we offer at our market on the farm.
- Plan A includes two "skip" weeks and therefore we do not offer double pick-ups for missed weeks.
- Some weeks we will have a mandatory item or items which will be worth approximately \$5.00 of your allotment.

### Plan B (Pick-Up Every Other Week):

- You pay \$252 prior to the season (you pay \$31.50/for one pickup every other week for \$35 worth of fresh fruits, vegetables and other groceries in the market barn for eight allotments).
- First pick-up will be the second full week of July (11, 12 or 13 July 2023), then every other week after that for a total of eight pick-ups (until 31 October, 1 or 2 November 2023). There is one "skip" week built into the schedule (there are nine potential pick-up weeks, so you choose which one to skip).  
**\*pick-ups must be on designated weeks (11, 12 or 13 July / 25, 26 or 27 July / 8, 9 or 10 August / 22, 23 or 24 August / 5, 6 or 7 September / 19, 20 or 21 September / 3, 4 or 5 October / 17, 18 or 19 October / 31 October, 2 or 3 November).**
- We will sometimes have a mandatory item or items which will be worth approximately \$5.00 of your allotment.

## Why we especially value our CSA members:

- We can count on your regular business throughout the season.
- We can broaden our selection of produce and experiment a bit with what we grow, as well as arrange for additional trading with neighboring farmers. The more members of our CSA, the more possibilities.
- The CSA spreads our business out more evenly throughout the week as fruits & vegetables ripen by the weather, not the day of the week.

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## CSA Details:

- You'll pay by check or cash prior to the April 29<sup>th</sup> (by mail or in person). We'll be around the market barn the first Saturday in April (April 1st) from 1:00 to 4:00 PM to answer any questions and accept CSA applications in person. We'll maintain a list with your name and number on it, and each week (or every other week if you select Plan B), Tuesday through Thursday, you'll come out and select your \$25 worth of groceries (or \$35 for Plan B). You're free to buy more if you like, obviously. Brunton milk & ice cream, cider, local honey, canned goods, bakery items (hopefully), etc. will count as part of the allotment. The deal is not transferable, you or a member of your household must be the one conducting the pick-up. Your share is good for one pick-up per week (Plan A has two "skip" weeks built in, and Plan B has one). All produce is locally grown. We make no promises on what produce we will have available and when, as we do not control the weather. We do promise we will work hard to provide an excellent product for your hard-earned money. We do reserve the right to offer a partial or full refund to our CSA members in the event of a catastrophic weather event. If you have any requests for specific fruits or vegetables for this season, please let us know and we'll see what we can do.

## The Produce We Expect for 2023

July: peaches, plums, nectarines, sweet corn, tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, zucchini, green peppers, hot peppers, lettuce, swiss chard, kale, onions, fresh herbs, new potatoes, and apples (Lodi and Pristine)

August: peaches, plums, nectarines, sweet corn, tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, zucchini, green peppers, hot peppers, onions, blue berries, watermelons, potatoes, fresh herbs, and apples (McIntosh, Gala, Golden Supreme, and Honeycrisp)

September: peaches, sweet corn, tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, zucchini, green peppers, hot peppers, onions, potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, fresh herbs, and apples (McIntosh, Golden Supreme, Gala, Honeycrisp, Cortland, Jonagold, Jonathan, September Wonder Fuji, & Golden Delicious)

October: tomatoes, onions, potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, winter squash (acorn, butternut, buttercup, spaghetti, and blue hubbard), pumpkins and apples (Cortland, Jonagold, Jonathan, Fuji, Mutsu/Crispin, Golden & Red Delicious, Stayman & Turley Winesap, Granny Smith & Arkansas Black)

\*Additionally, we expect to conduct a farm/orchard tour (which includes pick-your-own apples) for CSA members only again this year in October and offer P-Y-O blueberries if we have a decent crop.

## Becoming a Part of Our Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Our CSA is a relationship between our farm and you, 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 Growing Practices – Sustainable Agriculture

The farm is not certified organic, but instead our growing practices range from non-certified organic to integrated pest management (IPM). IPM is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. We as a family are involved in every stage of production of our crops, live on the farm and drink the well and spring water, and consume what we grow, so following safety precautions are as important to us as it is to you. Additionally, we rely on crop rotation, planting ground covers, drip irrigation, and other techniques associated with sustainability. Add to this a drastically shortened food supply chain for our customers and it is easy to see how we all benefit.