



# Three Mile Ridge

## Farm Fresh Vegetables

### MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

#### CSA Membership Agreement

*We, Three Mile Ridge, 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. By purchasing a membership share, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined herein.*

#### Becoming a CSA Member of Three Mile Ridge

- **CSA** stands for *Community Supported Agriculture*, which is basically a subscription for vegetables. Members pay upfront to secure their share. We then use the money to buy seeds and equipment and get food growing. Then, each week, beginning in **mid-August to late October**, we provide fresh, local vegetables to our CSA members.

#### Growing Practices

- We believe in providing fresh, seasonal, local veggies from our Farm and other local farms to your home. We believe in healthy eating and cooking as a way of life and transparent farming practices.
- We do use composted and aged vegetable manures as fertilizers from our onsite compost and from organic materials left from the previous season. We do use physical barriers and crop rotations as pest and disease deterrents, and if necessary, only use organically-approved sprays. Everyday pest inspection is performed on plants during the growing season. Some of the seed we use is certified organic, some is not. Depending on availability, cost and performance, in practice this means we prefer certified seeds as they carry traits that work well in our farming system. All soil block materials used to grow our seedlings are OMRI approved. We welcome any inquiries about our growing practices.

## Shared Risk

- Members of our CSA program will get the opportunity to share in the abundance of a local Newfoundland Farm. With that opportunity, there are risks associated with our growing season. We are committed to minimizing those risks, yet risks will always remain. We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful CSA each week. The quantity of produce, however, may vary 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 our other members.
- In the unlikely event of crop failure: If only a small portion of crops fail, we will compensate for the failed crops by filling the CSA with other crops grown on local farms that are ready for harvest at that time. If a large portion of crops fail, we may not be able to deliver any products in some weeks. Should this happen, members will be contacted directly, as soon as possible to discuss options for remediation. However, it is unlikely that we would be able to refund memberships or even partial memberships as the money is used to fund the seasons expenses. Please take this into consideration when joining the CSA.

## Shared Reward

- In addition to our CSA, Three Mile Ridge sells its produce through a table during the Farmers Market and through our onsite Farm market. We will also sell the produce to local chefs for use in their dishes for special events and restaurants. When production of crops is especially abundant, we will pack as much as possible into your CSA. However, we will not pack so much produce that it goes to waste. When we feel that members have received enough of certain crops, we handle the surplus by selling it through the avenues described above. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact Three Mile Ridge.

## Picking Up Your Order

- You will be receiving the freshest produce available short of growing it yourself. CSA's will come packed and washed for the most part. Please take the time to properly wash and store all produce each week once received.
- Shares are picked up once a week by members at their chosen pick-up location. Two choices of pickup are at the Farm and Market in Clarendville and through our Farm Market on the farm.
- If you miss your pickup due to unforeseen circumstances, don't worry, we'll hold onto it for you for two days after your missed pick-up day. After that we will donate it to the Salvation Army who will ensure that food goes to folks who might not otherwise have access to fresh produce.

## Member Fees

- By selling membership in advance of the growing season, CSA's reduce the up-front costs for the Farm. Your membership fees provide us with money to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment.

Share Type	Share Size	Payment Options	Price
Weekly CSA	Feeds family of 2-4 or 2 veggie lovers.	Payment Plan 1 Payment Plan 2	1. \$500 2. \$250/\$250
Bi Weekly CSA	Feeds 1-2	Payment Plan 3	3. \$250

If you are *Paying in Payment Plan 1 and 3* : payment is due at sign-up. If you are paying *in Payment Plan 2*: the first payment is due at sign-up, second payment due by July 20.

### Payment

There are three ways to pay. You can send us an e-transfer to [threemileridge@gmail.com](mailto:threemileridge@gmail.com), or you can go to our website and pay by debit or credit card. We also accept cash, which can be paid directly during regular operating hours.

### Refunds

All shares include a non-refundable deposit of \$30. If you are unhappy with the CSA program and wish for a refund, we will reimburse you for the remaining weeks of shares minus the non-refundable deposit.

