



Member Agreement for Hip Peas Farm 2021

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Member Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

We, Hip Peas Farm, want 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 CSA runs for 20 weeks, from the June to the end of October. Members are responsible for showing up for pick up their share during one of the designated days at New England’s Tap House Grille. Pickup days will occur every Wednesday or Thursday between 3-6 pm. You will generally receive 1 reusable bag of vegetables, fruits, microgreens, and other assorted seasonal items with an average market value of \$35 per share 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

Hip Peas Farm is committed to “Beyond Organic” growing practices. Organic produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. We at Hip Peas Farm also go a step further and don’t use *any* pesticides at all, synthetic or organic. We rely solely on systems thinking, and beyond organic principals to keep our plants healthy without the need for pesticides. If you have any questions about how to achieve this, please ask us! We are happy to share our secrets with our members.

C. The Products We Expect for 2021

The chart below outlines some of the vegetables 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.

Months Harvested	Expected Crops
<i>June-July</i>	Lettuce Mix, Spinach, Kale, Swiss Chard, Arugula, Tatsoi, Braising Mix, Radish, Salad Turnips, Green Onions, Cilantro, Parsley, Radish Shoots, Peas, Mini-Gem Lettuce.
<i>July - September</i>	Lettuce Mix, Arugula, Braising Mix, Tatsoi, Kale, Radish, Salad Turnips, Purple Top Turnips, Cilantro, Parsley, Mint, Basil, Mini-Gem Lettuce, Romaine, Green Onions, Green Beans, Tomatoes (Greenhouse and Heirloom Varieties), Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Fresh Onions, Jalapeno, Green Peppers, Swiss Chard, Beets, Carrots, Garlic Scapes, Summer Squash, Melons, Husk Cherries.
<i>September - October</i>	Lettuce Mix, Spinach, Kale, Swiss Chard, Arugula, Braising Mix, Radish, Kale, Carrots, Beets, Salad Turnips, Garlic, Green Onion, Romaine, Mini-Gem Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Eggplant, Fresh Onion, Red and Yellow Bell Peppers, Jalapeno, Cilantro, Parsley, Buttercup Squash, Storage Onions.

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, and season-to-season 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 restaurants, local schools, and farm stands. We balance priority of the CSA with our other markets. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product. When production of our CSA segregated 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. When we feel that members have received enough of certain crops, we handle the surplus by selling it at our other markets.

C. Sharing in the Experience

CSAs tend to thrive most when members are involved with the experience and not just sitting on the sidelines. Any help you can offer to our farm will allow this CSA to grow, and would be greatly appreciated by us here at the farm, as well as your fellow CSA members. Please let us know if you can help in the following ways:

Please Check One	
	I would like to become a member for the 2021 season.
	I would like to make an additional monetary donation to Hip Peas Farm.

Additional Donation Amount:	\$
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Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share every Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 3-6 pm from the following location:



1292 Hooksett Road
Hooksett, NH 03106

Members will enter the front entrance by the CSA sign and inform the host/hostess of their name, and that they are there to pick up their CSA share. You are responsible for observing our drop site rules, which are as follows:

- 1) Bring your Hip Peas Farm reusable bag and fill it with your box's items.
- 2) Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, some items may decline in quality quickly if not picked up on time.
- 3) Be respectful of our drop site hosts' 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. If this day absolutely cannot work for you during the season, please let us know and we will try to make other accommodations. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated or sold at our other markets.

We take the safety of your food seriously. Any product that comes in contact with the soil like leafy greens or root vegetables are washed vigorously prior to packaging, and no raw manure is applied to our fields. Certain crops like tomatoes, peppers, and basil are not washed prior to sending out, both to increase shelf life and decrease labor. For your added protection, you should wash all produce before eating, and put all items in the refrigerator as soon as possible unless otherwise instructed.

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 the number of shares you would like next to the share type from the list below.

Number of Shares	Share Type	Price
	2021 CSA Share	\$650
	Optional Donation to the Farm	
	Total Amount Due: (add up your selections)	

Check Your Selection	Payment Preference
	I wish to pay my membership fee up front.
	I wish to pay my membership fee in 3 installments.

If you chose to pay the membership fee upfront, please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Hip Peas Farm with this signed agreement form. If you chose to pay the membership fee in installments, please enclose 3 checks dated May 15, June 15, and July 15 with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. All payments are due by May 15, and are non-refundable.

Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email. Our email is info@hippeasfarm.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, 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. Every month, we will email an update giving you information about the crops available that month, 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: _____