

2024

CSA Membership Information



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CSA Member Agreement for 2024

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We, the 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 commitment to that relationship.

Section 1. Introduction Our CSA Farm

A. Becoming 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 14-16 weeks, typically from the beginning of July through Mid-October. Members are responsible for showing up at our farm near Eden Valley each week to pick up their share of freshly harvested produce. You will generally receive a reusable half-bushel box with a minimum of 5 items and more during peak season. This will feed 2-4 on average depending on your weekly veggie consumption. 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

Our mission at Fresh on 55 is to provide the highest quality of naturally grown foods by using sustainable farm practices and organic principles, which result in safe food and a healthy environment. We are a limited spray facility, meaning we will do everything possible to rid crops of pests and disease; however, we may encounter a threat with the potential of spreading and affecting multiple crop varieties. If this is the case, we assure you we will do our best to treat in early stages and not spray directly on fruits or vegetables. We are dedicated, have high standards and believe in the benefits of eating healthy, locally grown foods. We attend seminars and classes on pest and disease control to be aware of potential threats to our area and early stages of discovering and combating what may harm our crops.

C. The Products We Expect for 2024

We grow many varieties of fruits and vegetables to give our members a good mix each week. It is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests and other events can affect actual production. Shares start out smaller, as earlier in the season there is less ripe and ready but as the season continues and crops are in full growth you will benefit and see your boxes with more included. Our crops could include everything from tomatoes, potatoes and fresh herbs to

carrots, spinach, broccoli, beans, and sweet corn. We stick with the staples Minnesotans have enjoyed for years but like to try growing items that are less common for our zone to add an element of surprise to our weekly CSA deliveries. A few other crops you could get, include beets, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, onions, kohlrabi, parsnips, sweet and hot peppers, rutabaga, radishes, apples, raspberries, strawberries, cucumbers, eggplant, melons, summer squash, winter squash, tomatillos, spinach, lettuce and more.

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, 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 other members. In the unlikely event of a crop failure, our procedure is as follows:

If only a 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. We stage plant and diversify our process by sowing the same crop in a few areas throughout the farm to avoid putting all our eggs in one basket.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers' markets and customers who enjoy pickling and canning produce. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA share with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold via our other markets. Throughout the season, you may see our products at a farmers' market that were not part of your weekly share, this is because we want to make each box the same for each day's deliveries, that way you are confident that everyone will be receiving the same thing, and members are not examining each box to see what's inside.

Section 3. Picking Up Shares

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from our farm. Details for pickup and delivery will appear on the agreement you sign and send in with payment.

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

1. Return last week's box every week. To protect our environment and keep costs down, all our CSA shares are packed in reusable waxed boxes. We can get many uses out of these boxes if they are properly cared for. When you get your share home you can unfold

your box for easy storage. Here is a video - [How to unfold a CSA box](#) For food safety reasons, please don't use your box for any uses other than receiving your CSA share.

2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality products, they will decline quickly if not picked up in time.
3. Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.
4. Follow additional rules posted at your drop site regarding parking/use of certain entrances.
 - a. For example, when picking up at our farm, it is important to follow our bio-security rules and park by our house garage, pick up your share and leave from the same driveway you entered. Please do not drive on any of the other roads within the property.

If you're on vacation or cannot pick-up your share, have a friend, family member or coworker pick it up for you. Please explain the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute.

We take the safety of your food seriously. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating.

Section 4. Member Fees & Benefits

During the season, the garden is constantly popping with produce for our CSA shares. We take time and consideration when planning our picking and distribution based on the number of members we have for each week. Because the garden doesn't stop producing, we prefer to sell full shares to keep each week as consistent as possible. We feel we have created our shares to be affordable, as well as manageable to utilize every week with little waste. We understand that's not always the case, so we also offer a half share (every other week) option. When choosing the half share, please keep in mind that there might be certain items that will only be distributed once throughout as consistently as possible. We feel we have created our shares to be affordable, as well as manageable to utilize every week with little waste. Feel free to contact us if you are unsure about what would be the right choice. We are happy to talk about your veggie's consumption and the best fit.

Seasonal Rates:

Weekly pick up at our farm - \$495

Bi-weekly pick up at our farm - \$259

Bi-weekly MEGA pick up at our farm - \$495 (double share with pick up every other week)

Payments can be several ways:

- Venmo Jamie-Ries-15
- checks can be mailed to Fresh On 55, PO Box 6, Eden Valley, MN 55329
- pay via our Fresh on 55 online store
- call us with your CC number and we can process it via our Square account

By selling memberships in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs. Your membership fees provide us with money to purchase seed and equipment before the season starts, and we appreciate your commitment to seasonal eating.

If you choose to split your share with family, friends or co-workers, you are responsible for picking up and dividing your own share.

Cancellation: We never want to see our members go but if for some reason you need to cancel there will be a \$25 cancellation fee and your pro-rated amount will be mailed within 2 weeks of written cancellation notice. CSA members are always welcome to find someone to assume their share.

Benefits:

Farm Tours: All members are welcome to schedule a time to come by the farm for a tour to see where your food is grown. The kids love to pick potatoes and run through the corn. It's a fun experience for the whole family.

10% off all bulk produce – planning on canning, pickling or say you want 10 dz sweet corn for a family reunion or backyard BBQ.

Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email at freshon55@gmail.com. You can also text or email us at 541-420-0272 (Jamie) or 503-577-6918 (Steve). We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend lots of time outside in the field growing your food and don't always have our phones on us. 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 week, we will email a with information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas, or other farm-related news.

By signing up for our CSA, you agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. Please understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution from time to time.