

## 2024 CSA MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Thank you for your interest in our Autumn Community Supported Agriculture Program. Below you will find all the details for the upcoming season. After reading through the information, please do contact us if you have any questions. If you wish to sign up for our CSA, please follow the instructions at the bottom of this agreement.

### Shared Risk

Members will have the opportunity to share in the abundance of our fall harvest. With that opportunity comes the risks associated with a growing season. We hope to provide you with the best of what we have to offer at each weekly pick-up. However, sometimes events in nature affect the size of your share.

### Shares

Our autumn share runs for 6 weeks. There is only one size available. Shareholders can expect to receive about \$35 worth of produce and farm products weekly. Below is a sample of what you might expect one week.

5oz bag of spinach 2lbs of onions a bunch of collards a pound of dry beans winter squash a bunch of carrots a head of cabbage

### Other Benefits

All CSA members will also receive a weekly newsletter with the news of what is happening on the farm, recipes you might like to try, information on processing and storing our vegetables, and news about any events we might be hosting.

We currently have a community composting system. If you are interested in composting with us, please check the box on the CSA sign up form and we will send you the information you need to begin. This service is mutually beneficial and free to you.

Here at Firefly Farm, we value the Earth and its resources. In order to minimize waste in packaging, we will provide reusable baskets for your shares, utilize reusable containers whenever appropriate, and use minimal and/or compostable materials for all else. We will also be packaging greens in reusable containers. It is important that each week that you pick up, you also return the basket and washed out container from the week before! We need these items to prepare the following week's shares. For any plastic bags that we do need to utilize, we ask that you reuse them as much as possible. To cover the cost of any lost or unreturned baskets or reusable containers, we are asking each CSA member to pay a \$20 refundable deposit at the time of sign up. This \$20 will be returned to you at the end of the season when all of your reusable containers are returned. We appreciate your cooperation in this endeavor.

### Care Share

We strongly believe that everyone should have access to fresh, local food free of harmful chemicals regardless of income! The Care Share program is one of the ways that we are able to offer our produce to local families who might not otherwise have access. Thus, we are asking once again, if you are able and willing, please consider donating to our care share fund. Donations provide shares to those who are interested and unable to afford their own share. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

#### Additional Products Available for Purchase

At the time of pick up, additional produce will be available for purchase in our farmstand. A variety of products made from the harvest, as well as eggs, maple syrup, pasture raised chicken, and products from other local farmers and producers will be available, some at different times throughout the season, and others while supplies last.

### Pick Up

Pick up will be on Tuesdays from 4pm to 6pm at the farm.

#### Vacations

We apologize, but we are not able to accommodate for vacations! Should you be away for a week or more during the CSA season, you have a few options. You are welcome to have someone pick up for you if you will be returning soon enough to enjoy it. You are also welcome to donate your share to a friend that

week. In addition, we will happily donate your share to HOPE to distribute to families in need in the area.

### Member Fees

We price our products to be as affordable as possible. This makes us unable to absorb the transaction fees charged by processors. However, we understand the need for many to be able to use a credit card or Venmo, and therefore we do accept Visa, Mastercard, and Venmo. To cover the transaction fees, we have a 2.9% service charge for credit card transactions and a 1.9% service charge for Venmo.

### Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email or text. You can contact us by email at fireflyfarmburkehollow@gmail.com or text us at 802-535-2876. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible. We will send regular communication to you through email. Our weekly CSA newsletters come to you via Mailchimp, and therefore sometimes need to be sought out in the promotions folder, depending on your email provider.

# To sign up for a spot in our CSA, click here.

Thank you and we look forward to partnering with you this fall! - The Crew at FFBH