



Member Agreement for 2017

Farm Contact Information:

Sycamore Creek Farm
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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 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 for 2017 will run for 22 weeks, from late April to September. Members are responsible for showing up at the drop-off site each week to pick up their share of freshly harvested produce and goods. You will generally receive a box of vegetables and eggs, equivalent to one/two grocery bags of produce. 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

The farm utilizes sustainable farming practices such as row covers to prevent insect damage, drip irrigation, mulches to control weeds and organic fertilizers. Our produce is grown without using fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. For more information about our production please ask. We’d be happy to tell you more.

Our animals are pasture raised and allowed to free-range. Free-range animals are allowed continuous access to the outdoors during their production cycle.

C. The Products We Expect for 2017

The chart on page 2 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. Please be aware that early in the season, variety is limited and warmer weather crops like tomatoes and summer squash will not be available till later in the season.



Month Harvested	Expected Crops <i>(Could include other crops)</i>
April-May	Asparagus, Lettuce, Radishes, Swiss Chard, Shiitake Mushrooms, Rhubarb, Greens
June to August	Broccoli, Cucumbers, Potatoes, Beets, Green Beans, Tomatoes, Swiss Chard, Summer Squash, Bell Peppers, Shiitake Mushrooms, Strawberries
September	Collards, Kale, Hot Peppers, Bell Peppers, Eggplant, Shiitake Mushrooms, Winter Squash, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes

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 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. We may cover for a crop loss by buying in from other local farmers generally with the same growing practices as our farm. This may not be a feasible option for all crops because of cost or widespread failure.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

In addition to our CSA, our farm sells to farmers markets, restaurants, grocery stores, & local schools. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA share with the week’s harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets.

Section 3. Share Delivery/Pick-up

New for 2017! Delivery to the Middlebourne area! Pick-up will also be at the Wetzel County Farmer’s Market (Bruce Park). We will contact shareholders by April 1, 2017 to set-up delivery or pick-up.

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

1. Bring your own bag and leave the box at the site.



2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it 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.

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 you wish to change your drop site, you must contact us one week prior to delivery date. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to a food pantry.

We take the safety of your food seriously. Our Food Safety Manual is available for review at the farm. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and refrigerate eggs and/or produce promptly.

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. Shares for the 2017 season are \$425 (this includes a \$75 non-refundable deposit). A share should be enough produce for a family of two to enjoy several meals. *If there is enough interest, a meat share will also be offered.* This meat share will be a whole, frozen chicken.

If you chose to pay the membership fee upfront, please enclose a check for your total amount due, made payable to Julia Bolin DBA Sycamore Creek Farm with the signed agreement form (page 4) by March 15, 2017.

If you chose to pay the membership fee in installments, signed agreement form with deposit is due by March 15, 2017; installment one is due by April 15, 2017 and installment two is due by June 15, 2017.

By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above.

All payments are non-refundable beyond the fifth week of the season.

Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email or phone. Our email is wvlocalfood@hotmail.com and our phone number is 304-758-2744 and the best times to reach us are evenings. 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, changes to your drop-site location, 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.



Member Agreement Form

Member Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Quantity of Shares	Share Cost	Extended Cost
	\$350.00	
Deposit (<i>non-refundable</i>)		\$75.00
Meat Share (whole roasting chicken) X _____	\$20.00 each	
<i>Meat Share will be available late summer 2017</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>\$</i>

<u>Payment Preference</u>	<u>CHECK YOUR SELECTION</u>
I wish to pay my membership fee up front	
I wish to pay my membership fee in two installments	

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: _____

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