

This member agreement is for viewing purposes only. If you sign up for the CSA, you will receive an updated agreement to sign just before the season starts. The information will generally be the same, so we wanted to share it with those considering joining.

Old Ford Farm 2019 CSA Member Agreement

This document contains all the logistics and ground rules you need to know regarding our CSA. Please read everything thoroughly, sign it, and return the last page to us at the first distribution.

Distribution time and place

The season consists of 24 distributions. Each week distribution takes place on Wednesday from 4pm to 7pm at the farm. The address is 1359 Old Ford Rd in New Paltz.

We want everyone to be aware that we use electric fencing on the farm for our livestock. Any metal wire or white twine suspended between fence posts is an electric fence. There is one fence in particular that is very close to the distribution area, so please be cautious. If you are new to the farm, just ask us to point it out to you the first time you come.

Parking

Parking for CSA members is located on River Park Drive. If you are coming onto Old Ford Road from 208, the farm's driveway will be on your left and just past our driveway is River Park Drive. Turn right onto River Park Drive and park on the shoulder on the right side of the road. *You may not park on Old Ford Road ever!*

If you have a special need to park closer (e.g. if you have difficulty walking for any reason or have multiple small children with you) there are a few parking spots in our driveway which you may use. They are located directly in front of the farm store and are labeled with a sign that says "Customer Parking". Please only park here if you have a legitimate need to do so. You may not park on Old Ford Road ever!

How our CSA works

Since we have an atypical CSA model, we want to make sure everyone is very clear on how our CSA works. To be fair to the farmers and your fellow members, it is very important that you understand and follow the system.

When you signed up for the CSA, you purchased a share for each member of your household. When you come to distribution each week, you can take whatever vegetables you need for **your household** for **one week**. Here are the rules:

- You may not give veggies away to non-household members.
- You may not use veggies for juicing.
- You may not preserve or stockpile veggies for later use.
- And it should go without saying, but throwing away veggies that you take from the CSA is wholly unacceptable.

As long as you respect these rules, there are no restrictions on the types and quantities of veggies you take. We hope this CSA model encourages seasonal eating and whole foods cooking. We are a ready and eager resource for you if you have any questions about using the veggies we grow.

Occasionally we will place a limit on a certain item if a crop is on its way in or out or if there was difficulty with a certain crop. It's not often, but we want you to know that it can happen.

Since the food from your CSA share is meant to be for your household alone, we want to address the issue of guests. If you are having guests over for dinner we certainly don't want you to do anything crazy like preparing a separate meal with other veggies. We just ask that if on any occasion you are cooking for more than just your household, you buy some supplemental veggies from our farm store that will approximately make up for the extra you need. There is no need to

obsess over being exact, but please try to be fair. Keep in mind that everything we produce costs us money and we sell the leftovers from CSA.

Missing Distribution

If there is ever a time when no one from your household can make it to distribution, we can pack a bin for you to pick up at your convenience. Tell us exactly what veggies you want and we will put the bin in our walk-in cooler for you. You can contact us via text, email, or phone. (Contact info is below and can also be found on our website.) In order to have veggies set aside for you, you must contact us BEFORE 7pm on Wednesday!

If you are going away on vacation, let us know which distribution you will be missing. Under this CSA model we don't allow for friends to get veggies instead of members while they are away, but we do offer several options. If you are able to cook while on vacation, you can take extra veggies the week before to bring with you on your trip (just let us know before Wednesday if you are doing this). Also, you can stop by the farm whatever day you return home to pick up veggies to get you through to the next distribution. (Again, let us know so we can set the veggies aside for you.) If neither of these options are possible, we have ONE make-up distribution at the end of the season which you can come to. We offer this for anyone who misses an entire week. *We do not keep track of who misses a week! It is your responsibility to remember whether or not you qualify for the make-up distribution!*

Misc.

We offer free farm tours to CSA members during distribution hours. (We usually charge \$75 for tours.) You can visit any of our livestock and/or vegetable fields with Becky or Joe. If you are interested in a tour, please tell us (in email or in person) where you'd like to go and any restrictions you have in terms of date and time. This option will remain open to you for the entirety of the CSA season.

Bring your own bags and containers to distribution. Most members find that large, structured containers (cardboard boxes, laundry baskets, coolers, etc.) are easier than canvas bags. We also recommend that you keep a handful of bags stashed in your trunk so you aren't stuck if you ever forget to bring your usual container.

Balances are due at the first distribution. Let us know if you don't remember what you owe. If you aren't able to pay the full balance at this time, just talk to us about it and we'd be happy to work out a payment plan.

We will email the harvest list each Tuesday so you will know what veggies to expect.

Finally, please share all of this information with any household member who might be picking up veggies for you at any point this season. It's important that everyone understands how this works.

I affirm that:

-I have read the entire CSA member agreement thoroughly and understand what is expected of me.

-I have shared this information with all household members that might pick up veggies at any point this season.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____