

2024 Traditional CSA Membership Agreement

We, the farm, wish to provide you with fresh, local vegetables and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. By purchasing a share of vegetables, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this membership agreement. Please retain a copy of this agreement for your records.

Becoming a Member

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, which is a relationship between our farm and you, the customer. Rather than purchasing your vegetables at a store or market, our customers become members and receive a portion of the farm's harvest.

Our 2024 CSA will run for 18 weeks. Regular Share will run for 18 weeks, from June 6th to October 3rd. Bi-Weekly Shares run for 18 weeks, but in 9 deliveries every other week from June 13th to October 3rd. Members are responsible for showing up to the pick-up site each week to pick up your share of freshly harvested produce. Home delivery is available for local residents within 10 miles of the Farm.

**Currently, Louisville delivery is only offered as a bi-weekly share. This may change subject to needs of the majority of members as sign-ups progress.*

Growing Practices

The farm strives to be as natural in our growing practices as possible. Misfit Farm is not currently certified organic, but practices as such. Regardless, any products used are OMRI approved. At the heart of our farming practices lies sustainability, diversification, and soil health. We avoid using genetically modified seed, synthetic chemicals, or overly intensive tillage.

Expected Products

Each week, Regular Share members will receive a basket with at least \$22 worth of produce. Bi-Weekly Share members will receive a basket of produce every other week totaling at least \$32. Baskets usually include more than the minimum amount- that's one of the perks of joining a CSA! We use average farmer's market prices in the surrounding county area to determine crop values.

**A new option this year for new members of the CSA will be a Trial Share, which will be for 3 weeks, and can be purchased at any point throughout the season. This option is available with or without an egg share.*

The list below gives an idea of most of the vegetables we grow and when you can expect to see them in your share. Keep in mind that this is an estimate, not a concrete schedule. We are subject to weather, pests, and other potential production impediments.

May-June: Lettuce, Salad Greens, Spinach, Beets, Broccoli, Tatsoi, Pak Choi, Carrots, Cucumbers, Herbs, Cabbage, Onions, Swiss Chard, Radishes, Kale, Cauliflower

July-August: Cantaloupe, Eggplant, Kale, Tomatoes, Peppers, Zucchini, Summer Squash, Sweet Corn, Watermelon, Green Beans, Okra

September-October: Green Beans, Kale, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Peppers, Swiss Chard, Sweet Corn, Onions, Fall Squash

Add Ons: Farm Fresh Eggs available all season

Sharing the Risk

We promise to do our very 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 issues despite those best efforts. By becoming a member of Misfit Farm CSA, you are agreeing to share in the risk of crop failure with us and other members. In the unlikely event of a crop failure, we will compensate for the failed crops by filling your share with other crops available at that time. We do plant extra crops to allow for a buffer for these potential issues, so the event of a failure is unlikely, but present.

What this also means, is that when the harvest is bountiful (and it is more often than not!), you also share in that reward. The first months of the CSA are lighter, full of lettuces, greens, and herbs; while the summer months and fall are heavier with tomatoes, peppers, root veggies, melons, and all the usual summer goodies!

Picking up your Share

You are responsible for picking up your share each week from your drop-off site. If you are receiving home delivery, and are unable to come to the door, we will leave the produce on your porch/outside your door. Some customers like to leave a large cooler outside, as we deliver some weeks very early in the morning. Regular week-day drop off is on Thursday mornings. The farm is also offering weekend delivery this season, most likely on Sunday afternoons.

You are responsible for following our drop-off rules, which are as follows:

1. You will be issued 2 CSA bags, with your name on them to be kept in rotation. Each week, bring the previous week's bag back so we can fill it for the following week. (If you receive home delivery, leave the previous bag on your porch/outside your door if you are unable to come to the door)

2. Pick up your share within the time frame listed. Although we deliver high-quality produce to the site, it will decline quickly if not picked up in time, especially in the hottest months of summer.
3. If you will be late or will not make it to the site that week, please let us know ASAP. We are more than happy to make other arrangements, we just need to know. You can also let us know if someone else will be picking up your share.

We take the safety of your food very seriously. We rinse all produce upon harvest and refrigerate before it is delivered to you. Greens are run through an ice bath for added freshness. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating and store at cool temperatures.

Member Fees

By customers purchasing memberships in advance of the growing season, CSA reduces the burden of up-front costs for the farmer. Your funds provide the farm with cash flow to purchase seed and supplies before the season starts, and we appreciate and value your commitment. Pricing is as follows:

Regular Share: \$369

Bi-Weekly Share: \$283

Fresh Eggs (Add-on): \$3.25/doz

Trial Share (3 weeks): \$54 / with egg share \$63

Members may pay upfront in total, in 2 payments, or monthly. Trial shares may be purchased anytime throughout the season, and are billed in one payment. By acknowledging and signing this agreement, you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated on your signup form.

If members join after the season is underway, the fee will be pro-rated to exclude missed weeks.

Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via phone, but we also communicate with customers via email or our website. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but bear in mind that we have full time jobs, and any time outside of that is spent in the field growing your food. Please contact us with any changes to the following: changes to your contact information, changes to your drop-off location, problems with your drop-off site, or dissatisfaction with your share.

We will usually communicate information pertaining to the group with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as changes to your distribution schedule. We will also post in our

blog weekly about what will be available in your share, related recipes, or other farm related news. You can view this on the website, Facebook, or receive it via email

By acknowledging this agreement, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated by the sign-up sheet. 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 I will be contacted in advance of any changes to this agreement.