



## **Summer 2013 CSA Produce Subscription**

### **Farm Where Life is Good – Member Agreement**

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#### **Introduction**

This Member Agreement was prepared to serve the needs of CSA farmers and members with a comprehensive agreement that protects both the farmer and member. We believe that this agreement can improve communication between farmer and member, which will also improve the strength of the CSA model long into the future.

## Member Agreement for 2013

### Farm Contact Information:

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### Member Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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. Our CSA Farm

### A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you, our customer. Our customers purchase, in advance, a seasonal membership in *Farm Where Life is Good* and receive a portion of the farm's harvest, contribute to sustainable farming, and experience and learn seasonal eating.

Our Summer 2013 share runs for 18-20 weeks, from about mid May through September. Members are responsible for picking up your share of freshly harvested produce at the drop-site each week. You will generally receive a  $\frac{3}{4}$  bushel box of produce (an approximate 9" x 11" x 15" box). 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

We practice sustainable farming; we grow most of our own fertility, manage pests through integrated pest management practices, and optimize against disease with resistant plant varieties and good husbandry practices. We are in the process of becoming USDA Certified Organic (a 3-4 year process). For more information about organic and sustainable production please ask; we'd be happy to tell you more.

## C. The Products We Expect for 2013

The chart below 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.

Month Harvested	Expected Crops
May – June	Radish, Boc Choi, Salad Mix, Braising Greens, Head Lettuce, Chives, Rhubarb, Pea Shoots, Mint, Dill, Spinach, Parsley, Broccoli Raab, Margoram, Garlic Scapes, Kale, Cilantro, Broccoli, Summer Squash, Zucchini, Catnip
June – July	Salad Mix, Spinach, Broccoli, Summer Squash, Zucchini, Braising Greens, Snap Peas, Green Onions, Sage, Cilantro, Parsley, Kale, Beets, Cabbage, Basil, Thyme, Oregano, Carrots, Cucumber, Dill, Chard, Green Beans, Garlic, Chives, Lemon Basil, Cherry Tomatoes, White Onions
July - August	Summer Squash, Zucchini, Cherry Tomatoes, White Onions, Green Beans, Hot Peppers, Carrots, Beets, Cucumber, Garlic, Green Onions, Cilantro, Basil, Chives, Dill, Slicing Tomatoes, Red Onions, Cabbage, Winter Squash, Parsley, Thyme, Oregano, Sweet Onions, Kale, Cantaloupe, Sweet Pepper, Lemon Basil, Sage, Spinach, Yellow Onions, Potatoes, Celery, Beet Greens, Watermelon
August - September	Summer Squash, Cherry Tomatoes, Slicing Tomatoes, Paste Tomatoes, Carrots, Potatoes, Tomatillos, Yellow Onions, Green Beans, Chard, Sweet Peppers, Oregano, Thyme, Parsley, Salad Mix, Sweet Onions, Hot Peppers, Dill, Basil, Spinach, Radish, Green Onions, Brussels Sprouts, Kale, Winter Squash, Sage, Salad Turnips, Rutabaga, Parsnips, Beets, Leeks, Watermelon

## Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

### A. The Risk of Crop Failure

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful box of produce each week, by over planting, succession planting, using irrigation, using a variety of methods to exclude pests, and planting a wide variety of produce. 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 purchasing this membership, 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:

- Minor crop failures: We compensate for the failed crops by augmenting your box with other crops grown on the farm that are ready for harvest at that time.
- Major/catastrophic crop failures: We may not be able to deliver any produce in some weeks.

### B. The Benefit of Crop Success

Our CSA members receive the priority harvests delivered weekly. Although we sell to other markets and do not segregate our production, we pack CSA boxes first each week. Truly surplus produce is donated to our local food pantry or others in need.

### Section 3. Picking Up Your Produce

You are responsible for picking up your box each week from your drop site. **Place a check mark** next to the drop site you would like to use from the list below.

<b>CHECK YOUR CHOICE</b>	<b>Name of location, business, homeowner or organization</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
	Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital	7131 Cahill Ave Inver Grove Heights, MN	Wednesday	9am-6pm
	This drop site will be at an ice arena per Roger's summer hockey schedule	Arenas to be determined, but are usually in Oakdale, Stillwater or North St Paul	Wednesday	Evening (before or after hockey, schedule will be provided)
	Homeowner	207 Vine St River Falls, WI	Wednesday	9am-6pm

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

1. Return last week's box every week.
2. Pick up your share within the timeframe stated.
3. Be respectful of our drop site hosts' property.
4. Follow additional rules posted at your drop site, if applicable.

If you cannot pick up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. If you wish to change your drop site, please notify us a week in advance. Boxes that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be donated to a charity, food pantry or others in need, or donated to the drop site host.

We take the safety of your food seriously. We grow, harvest and package your produce according to our farm safety manual. For your added protection, wash all produce before eating.

## Section 4. Membership 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.

The price for our Summer 2013 share is **\$400 per member** (about \$20 per week).

If you would like to become a member, please:

- pay online at <http://farmwlig.locallygrown.net> and mail us this completed and signed agreement form
- or mail a check made payable to *Farm Where Life is Good* with this completed and signed agreement form

By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share indicated above. Your payment is fully refundable if you notify us 4 weeks prior to the first delivery date.

## Section 5. Communicating with Us

The best way to communicate with us is via email at [farmwlig@dishup.us](mailto:farmwlig@dishup.us). Our phone number is 715-426-7582. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible, but please understand that we spend most of our time in the field 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 week, we will email a newsletter giving you information about the crops available that week, recipe ideas, or other farm related news.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your patronage of *Farm Where Life is Good*. We promise to work hard to provide you with good food and good service.**