



2017 CSA Member Agreement

What is CSA? Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a mutually beneficial partnership between farmers and local consumers. The farmer pre-sells a certain number of "shares" of the farm's projected harvest of fresh, nutritious vegetables to locally based individuals, families, and institutions. The share price provides the farm with sufficient funds in advance of the growing season to cover the costs of vegetable production. During the season, CSA shareholders receive a weekly share of vegetables in return for their investment.

CSA Shareholder Pledge:

I enjoy fresh, locally grown produce and want to help ensure its availability on the upper eastern shore; I am thus becoming a shareholder of Colchester Farm's CSA Project. I agree to share in the inherent risks (poor weather, drought, disease, early frost, crop failure and so on) and rewards (the bounty from a good season) of farming. In an attempt to mitigate the aforementioned risks, the farmers at Colchester employ farming practices such as growing a wide variety of crops that thrive in different conditions, crop rotation, cover cropping, and irrigation. I understand that there is no guarantee on the exact variety or quantity of produce I receive in my share, but I can expect to receive the freshest, highest quality produce our farmers can grow.

By becoming a shareholder, I commit to picking up my share weekly, and I understand that if I, or someone I designate, is unable to pick up my share(s) they CANNOT be saved or picked up at a later date unless arrangements have been made in advance with the farm manager.

More information: to learn more about our farming practices and mission, please visit our website: www.colchesterfarm.org or connect with us on Facebook: Colchester Farm Community Supported Agriculture.

✂ ----- See back for specific details on shares and pick-ups -----

I would like to become a shareholder of the CSA.

Please reserve a:

Full Season (26 weeks starting late May)

- Small Share (5 units/week) at \$375.00
- Medium Share (8 units/week) at \$540.00
- Large Share (14 units/week) at \$820.00

Flexible Full Season Share (13 out of 26 weeks starting late May)

- Small Flex Share (5 units/week) at \$225.00
- Medium Flex Share (8 units/week) at \$280.00
- Large Flex Share (14 units/week) at \$455.00

Summer Season (13 weeks starting late May)

- Small Summer Share (5 units/week) at \$225.00
- Medium Summer Share (8 units/week) at \$280.00
- Large Summer Share (14 units/week) at \$455.00

Fall Season (13 weeks starting late August)

- Small Fall Share (5 units/week) at \$225.00
- Medium Fall Share (8 units/week) at \$280.00
- Large Fall Share (14 units/week) at \$455.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment Options:

I am enclosing the entire amount of \$ _____

OR I would like to pay in three installments

1/3 now (no later than February 28th)* \$ _____

1/3 by March 31st, and 1/3 by April 30th.

*Shares purchased after March 1st must be paid in full.

Please donate this share to a family in need.

My tax-deductible contribution is

___\$250 ___\$100 ___\$50 ___other \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please indicate your preferred pick-up option.

Please choose *one only*.

- Tuesday 4pm-6pm, Kingstown Farm, Home & Garden
- Thursday 4pm-6pm, Colchester Farm
- Saturday 8am-10am Chestertown Farmers' Market
- Saturday starting at 8 am Dover, DE (pre-packed box)
- Wednesday 11am-7pm Middletown, DE (pre-packed box)

Refer a Friend - Referred by: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of Colchester Farm CSA. By signing this agreement, I am entering into a partnership with the CSA farm and pledge my support to the farmers while a member. Refunds are not given for any reason.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return bottom half of form with payment to: Box 191, Colchester Farm, Georgetown, MD 21930. Please make checks payable to Colchester Farm CSA.

The Shares

The 2017 CSA full season will be 26 weeks long. Pick-ups run from late May/early June through mid to late November. Colchester Farm CSA will offer 3 share sizes to accommodate the differing needs of our shareholders. The total number of units in a share will remain constant throughout the season, but each week units may vary in size and weight depending on the time of the season. You are more than welcome to split a share with someone, but it is the responsibility of the person who signed up for the share; the farm cannot be responsible for dividing the share in half for you.

CSA options:

Full Season Share – pick up vegetables once a week for 26 weeks during our regular season from late May through Thanksgiving

Full Season Flexible Share - pick up vegetables at your choice of 13 out of 26 weeks during our regular season late May through Thanksgiving

Summer Season - 13 weeks long: you pick up vegetables once a week from late May until late August

Fall Season - 13 weeks long: you pick up vegetables once a week roughly from late August until Thanksgiving

Installment Plan

Shareholders can pay for their share in three installments. However, once you make the first payment, you are committing to purchasing a share. Payments are due by February 28, March 31 and April 30.

Pick-Up Options

Three pick-up options are available where members are able to choose what makes up their weekly share: 1) Tuesday afternoon (4pm – 6pm) at Kingstown Farm, Home & Garden just south of Chestertown, 2) Thursday afternoon (4pm – 6 pm) at Colchester Farm, and 3) Saturday from 8am-noon at our table at the Chestertown Farmers' Market. We also offer the option to receive a pre-packed box of vegetables available for pick-up at Middletown, DE on Wednesdays and Dover, DE on Saturdays.

In addition, the CSA may be able to provide boxed shares to groups who are unable to get to a pick up location. Generally, a minimum of 10 shareholders is required to accommodate this type of arrangement. The group designates someone to pick up their boxes, usually at the farm, for distribution at an agreed upon site. If you are interested in this type of arrangement, please contact Theresa Mycek.

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