



CSA Membership Agreement for 2017

We, Artisan Harvest 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

A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you as our customer. CSA has become a popular way for consumers to partner with and buy directly from local farms. Rather than simply purchasing food, our customers become “members” of this CSA farm who receive a portion of the farm’s harvest.

There are several advantages to CSA. Receive an assortment of locally grown, ultra-fresh produce, delivered right to your door each week. Eat with the seasons and gain exposure to produce you may have never tried. (Don’t know what to do with a garlic scape? Don’t worry – we’ll tell you!) Know your farmer. Communicate directly with the people that plant, grow, and harvest your produce.

B. Our Growing Practices

The seeds we use are pledged not to be genetically engineered (non-GMO). While we are not certified organic, we do use organic seeds whenever possible. Our produce is grown without the use of pesticides or chemical fertilizers because we like the fact that our son can eat veggies straight off the vine. We utilize sustainable techniques such as crop rotation, soil enrichment via natural fertilizers (thank you, chickens), and natural pest predators. If anything changes, we will communicate that to you, via email. If you would like more details or have questions about any of these growing practices, please contact us.

C. The Products We Expect for 2017

The list below outlines some of the produce we hope to deliver with your share. It is based on our best estimate, but of course weather, pests, and other events will affect actual production.

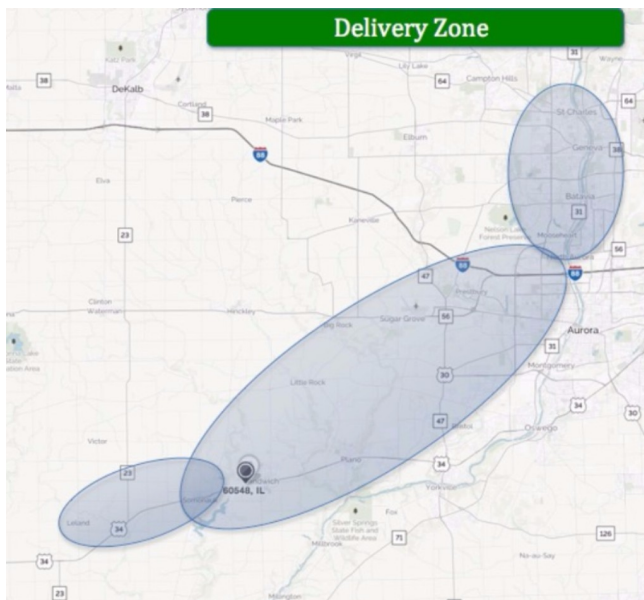
Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage (green and red), Carrots, Cauliflower, Cucumber (slicing and pickling), Eggplant, Garlic, Green Beans, Herbs, Horseradish, Kale, Melon (Cantaloupe and Watermelon), Onion (red and yellow), Peppers (several varieties from sweet to hot), Potatoes (red and yellow), Radishes, Spinach, Sugar Snap Peas, Squash (Acorn, Buttercup, Butternut, Summer Squash, and Zucchini), *Sweet Corn, Swiss Chard, and Tomatoes (several varieties of beefsteak, heirloom, specialty, and sweet)

*Sweet corn will be included in your share. If we do not grow it ourselves, we will purchase it from a local farm and include it in boxes when it is in peak season. It's just not summer without sweet corn!

D. Details & Delivery Information

Our CSA runs for 16-18 weeks, from mid-June to mid-October. We will strive to include at least 5 different varieties of produce in each box. Half shares have the same variety, but smaller quantity. The actual quantity will vary each week. During peak season, the box may be overflowing. Other weeks, possibly early in the season, the boxes may not be filled.

Before the start of the season, we will ask for members' input on delivery days/times. Members will have a scheduled day and time window to expect their CSA box to be delivered. Members are responsible for arranging for box to be taken inside their home in extreme weather. Please return the previous week's box so we may wash and reuse them. If a delivery must be rescheduled or held, please call or email us.



We currently deliver near Sandwich, Sugar Grove, and Batavia. If you are outside of this area, please call us to discuss options.

We have invested in boxes that add insulation, cushion, and ventilation to maintain produce freshness. They are BPA free, made in the USA, and are designed to be cleaned and reused. One box is included in each membership. If a box is not returned, or returned in unusable condition, a fee of \$18 per box may be applied to cover the cost of a new box.

E. Additional Options

CSA members will be given priority (and discounts) when other items we grow or produce become available. This may include honey, canning tomatoes, pickling cucumbers, cut flowers, mums, pumpkins, or eggs.

Egg shares – We are proud to be Animal Welfare Approved! This certification and food label lets consumers know that our chickens are raised in accordance with the highest animal welfare standards in the US, using sustainable agriculture methods on an independent family farm.

Pasture-based management not only provides the highest welfare conditions for the hens, but also produces healthier eggs containing three times as much vitamin E, seven times more beta-carotene, and twice the omega-3 fatty acids as industrial eggs. For more info, please visit: AnimalWelfareApproved.us

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. 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 a small portion of crops fail, we will 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 also fill your share by buying produce from other local farms with similar growing practices. If we do include anything that we do not grow ourselves, we will communicate that to you, via email. This may not always be a feasible option because of cost or widespread failure.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus

This year, our farm is exclusively a CSA farm and all our production is planned for the CSA. When crops are especially abundant, we pack as much as possible into your share. However, we don't want to overwhelm our members or deliver so much produce that it goes to waste. After offering any surplus to our members, any additional produce will be donated to Northern Illinois Food Bank (<http://solvehungertoday.org>).

Section 3. Member Fees

Delivery is \$50 for the season. If you pay your membership fee before March 1st – delivery is **free** for the season.

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.

Please provide payment (cash, checks, or credit card accepted) with this signed agreement form. By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above.

Please Check Your Selections	Share Type	Price per Share	
	Full Share Produce	\$615	
	Half Share Produce	\$360	
	Add eggs to a CSA share (Billed every 16 weeks)	\$80 1 Dozen/Week	\$160 2 Dozen/Week
	Just eggs (no CSA share) (Billed every 16 weeks)	\$96 1 Dozen/Week	\$192 2 Dozen/Week
	Delivery (Free delivery, if paid before 3/1/17)	\$50	
Total:			

Section 4. Communication

We want to partner with you to ensure you enjoy your CSA membership! If you have any questions or concerns regarding your membership, please do not hesitate to call or email us.

Dan’s cell – 630-945-0895 Lauren’s cell – 630-549-1211 Email: Lauren@ArtisanHarvestFarm.com

We will send a weekly email, as a delivery reminder as well as include a description of what is in the box, recipe ideas, and farm updates.

<p>Member Contact Information: Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____</p>	<p>Farm Contact Information: Artisan Harvest Farm 630-549-1211 Lauren@ArtisanHarvestFarm.com www.ArtisanHarvestFarm.com</p>
	<p>Additional comments:</p>

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 3 and have read and understood this Agreement form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____